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The U.S. Supreme Court Building is seen on March 2, 2010 in Washington, D.C.

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High court turns down early health care challenge

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court has turned down the first preliminary challenge to President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

The decision Monday to reject an appeal from a former Republican state lawmaker in California was no surprise because a federal appeals court has yet to consider the case.

The high court almost never reviews cases before the issues have been aired in lower courts.

Of more significance is the sign that all the justices took part in rejecting the appeal. New Justice Elena Kagan refused to say during

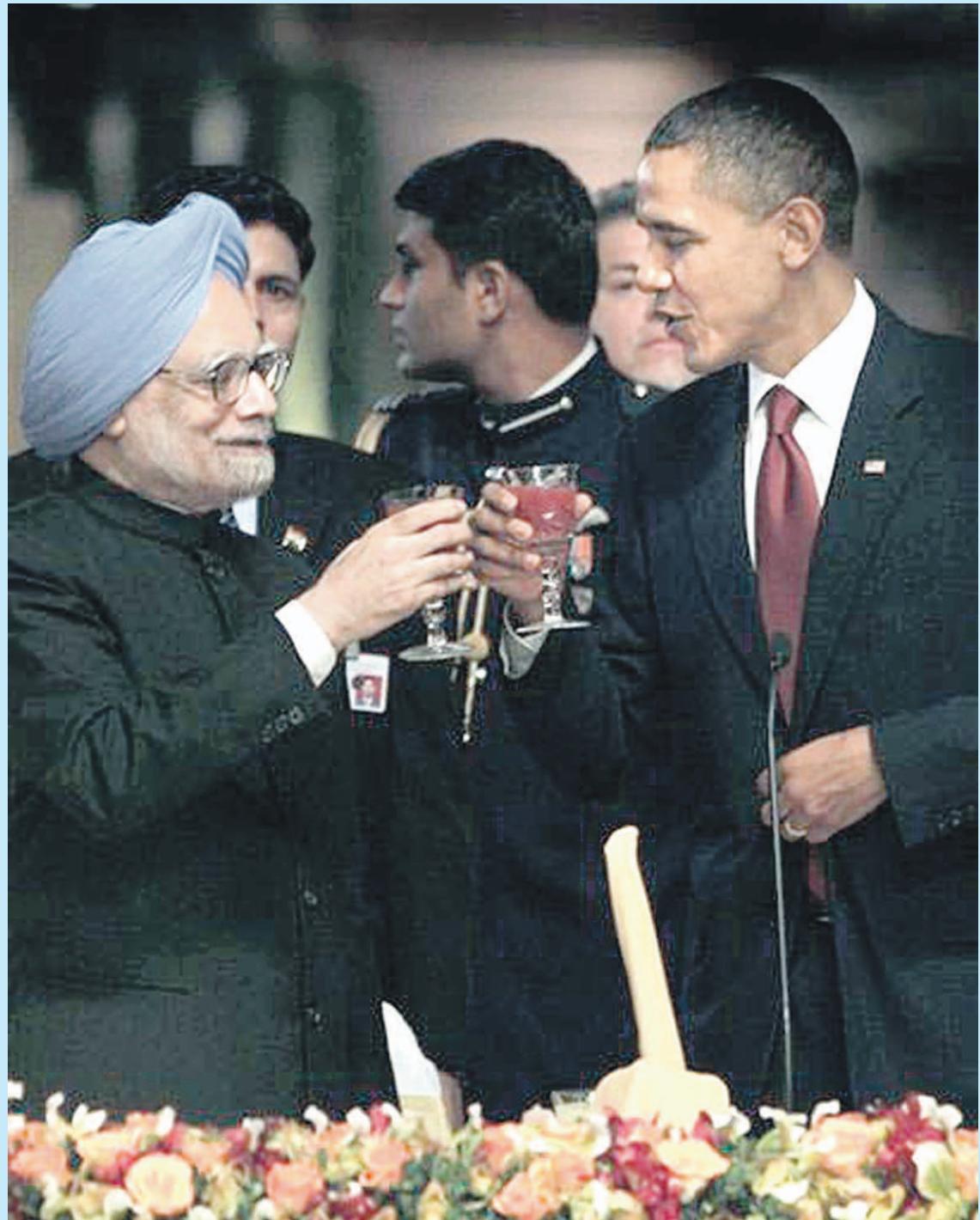
her confirmation hearings whether she would take part in the court's deliberations over the health care law. Kagan was Obama's solicitor general before joining the court.

The court has noted Kagan's absence in more than two dozen other cases, suggesting that she voted on the health care appeal.

Kagan has stepped aside from cases in which she was involved as a Justice Department official before joining the court.

Justice Clarence Thomas also apparently voted on the case. Some critics have called on Thomas to step aside from the health care cases because his wife, Virginia Thomas, has been an outspoken opponent of the law in her role as founder of the conservative advocacy group Liberty Central. □

Obama backs India's drive for UN power



U.S. President Barack Obama, right, toasts India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at a state dinner at Rashtrapati Bhavan, or President's Palace in New Delhi, India, Monday, Nov. 8, 2010. Indian and U.S. companies have discussed or signed over \$14.9 billion in deals around Obama's trip, which will support 53,670 U.S. jobs, the White House said.

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Elizabeth Smart says she awoke to knife on neck

By JENNIFER DOBNER,
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Elizabeth Smart told jurors Monday how she was awakened with a cold knife on her neck and initially thought her 2002 abduction was a nightmare.

"It was just indescribable fear," she said on the stand during the first day of testimony in the Salt Lake City federal trial of Brian David Mitchell, who is charged with kidnapping and unlawful transportation of a minor. The case resumed after an appeals court rejected a request to move the case out of Utah.

Smart, who was 14 when she was taken, described her nine-month abduction, including how she was awakened by a man's voice.

"I remember him saying that I have a knife to your neck, don't make a sound, get out of bed and come with me or I will kill you and your family," she said.

Smart, now 23, said she was groggy for the first threat.

"Then I heard it again and I was immediately wide awake," she said. "I don't know if I could describe what I felt other than I knew how deadly the situation was. I was extremely scared."

Smart said she got up and he grabbed her arm, took her into a closet, had her put on tennis shoes and left the house, leaving behind her parents and siblings — including a 9-year-old sister in the same bed.

"He said he was taking me hostage, for ransom.

I was shocked. I thought I was having a nightmare," she told jurors confidently.

The first witness Monday was her

mother, Lois Smart, who hired Mitchell, then known only as a homeless street preacher named "Immanuel," to do handyman work at the family home in the fall of 2001. Lois Smart told jurors that she and her children encountered Mitchell on the streets of downtown Salt Lake City and one of her sons urged her to give him some money.

"He looked like a clean-cut, well-kept man that was down on his luck, who just needed some help to get on with his life. I gave him \$5," she said.

Lois Smart also gave Mitchell the family's address and phone number, offering to hire him for odd jobs. Mitchell soon called her husband, Ed Smart, who had Mitchell come by a few days later to help fix a leaky roof, which went well, Lois Smart said.

"I do remember having a conversation with him, hoping that he would do more work. He seemed fine," she said.

Mitchell, who only did that one project for the family, was clean shaven at the time but now has a long graying beard to the middle of his chest and long hair to the middle of his back.

Lois Smart also recalled for jurors the night her daughter was taken. She was awakened by another daughter, Mary Katherine, who was 9 at the time and slept with Elizabeth. Mary Katherine had a baby blanket wrapped around her head and neck and looked like "a scared rabbit."

"She said a man has taken Elizabeth with a gun and that we won't find her. He took her either for ransom or hostage," Lois Smart recalled Mary

Katherine, now 18, saying. Lois Smart said she went downstairs to the kitchen and immediately noticed the window was open and the screen was cut in a U-shape. "My heart sank and I yelled out to Ed, called 911, she's gone," Lois Smart said.

"It was utter terror. It was the worst feeling knowing that I didn't know where my child was. I was helpless."

Elizabeth Smart testified that she left the window open because her mother had burned the potatoes for dinner and the smoke still lingered.

One of Mitchell's lawyers said during opening statements that he was



Elizabeth Smart, right, arrives at Federal Court with her sister, Mary Katherine Smart, left, Monday, Nov. 8, 2010, in Salt Lake City. Opening arguments in the Brian David Mitchell trial relating to the kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart in 2002 resumed Monday. Smart's mother and her sister, who was sleeping in the same bed with Smart when she was taken at knifepoint in 2002, are expected to be the first witnesses.

(AP Photo/Steve C. Wilson)

influenced by an escalating mental illness and extreme religious beliefs that made him think he was doing what God wanted him to do. Public defender Parker Douglas didn't dispute the facts but took issue with the prosecution's allegation that Mitchell is a calculating person who planned the kidnapping.

"His life here is marked by an intense idiosyncratic set of beliefs.

This is, as you will see, a pattern with Brian, a search for a deep connection and a belief that he has found something that has given him a certainty and a meaning in life," Douglas said.

If he is convicted, Mitchell could spend the rest of his life in federal prison.

Smart was found in March 2003 after motorists spotted her walking in a Salt Lake City suburb with Mitchell. Prosecutors have said Smart will provide jurors with lengthy, detailed testimony about her abduction, alleged sexual abuses during nine months of captivity, and threats she has said Mitchell made on her life and her family.

Smart is currently serving on a French mission trip for the Mormon Church but plans to resume her music studies at Brigham Young University next year. □

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Closings start at Guantanamo detainee's NY trial

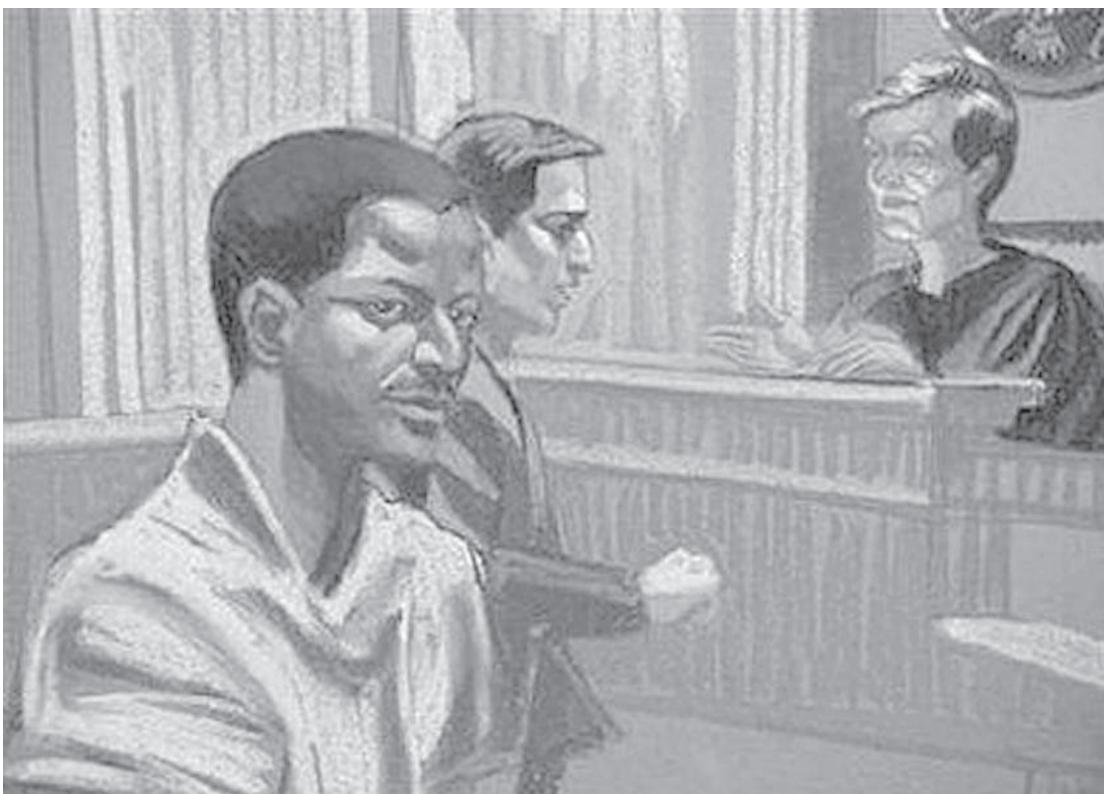
By TOM HAYS,
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The first Guantanamo detainee to face a civilian trial is a "mass murderer" who played a key role in the terrorist bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998, a prosecutor said Monday in closing arguments.

Defense claims that Ahmed Ghailani was an unwitting dupe in the plot "flies in the face of the evidence and it flies in the face of common sense," Assistant U.S. Attorney Harry Chernoff told jurors in federal court in Manhattan.

Prosecutors allege Ghailani helped an al-Qaida cell buy a truck and components for explosives used in a suicide bombing in his native Tanzania on Aug. 7, 1998. The attack in Dar es Salaam and a nearly simultaneous bombing in Nairobi, Kenya, killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

"Sitting among us is a mass murderer — Ahmed Ghailani," Chernoff said. He added: "Ahmed Ghailani has the blood of hundreds on his hands."



Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, a Tanzanian held at the U.S. naval base in Cuba since 2006 accused of involvement in the bombing of U.S. embassies in Africa, is depicted in this courtroom sketch of his arraignment, in New York, June 9, 2009.

The day before the attack, prosecutors say, Ghailani and other plotters fled to Pakistan. Authorities say that while he was on the run, he spent time in Afghanistan as a cook and bodyguard for Osama bin Laden and later as a document forger for al-Qaida in Pakistan. He was captured in 2004 and

held by the CIA at a secret overseas camp before being transferred to Guantanamo in 2006.

After the decision to put the 36-year-old detainee on trial in New York, a judge dealt the government a setback by barring testimony from a key witness identified by the

CIA. Harsh interrogations techniques used by the CIA made the evidence unconstitutional, the judge ruled.

Despite the decision, the government has been given broad latitude to reference al-Qaida and bin Laden.

The jury heard a former

al-Qaida member who has cooperated with the government describe how bin Laden took the group in a more extreme direction with a 1998 fatwa against Americans.

Bin Laden accused the United States of killing innocent women and children in the Middle East and decided "we should do the same," L'Houssaine Kherchtou said on the witness stand.

A prosecutor read aloud the fatwa, which called on Muslims to rise up and "kill the Americans and plunder their money wherever and whenever they can find it."

Other witnesses described how Ghailani bought gas tanks used in the truck bomb with cash supplied by the terror group, how the FBI found a blasting cap stashed in his room at a cell hideout and how he lied to family members about his escape, telling them he was going to Yemen to start a new life. Instead, prosecutors say, he boarded a one-way flight to Pakistan using a false name. Closing arguments were expected to last two days, with the jury hearing from the defense on Tuesday. □

Lawyers say proving egg-related lawsuits difficult

By MICHAEL J. CRUMB,
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Thousands of people likely were sickened by salmonella-contaminated eggs from two Iowa companies last summer, but lawyers said far fewer have the proof needed for a successful lawsuit and most cases filed will be settled out of court.

So far, attorneys in Seattle, Houston, Chicago and Minneapolis have filed at least 10 cases related to recalls by Wright County Egg and Hillandale Farms of Iowa. The companies recalled 550 million eggs in August after a salmonella outbreak was traced to their farms.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention linked at least 1,600 illness

to the eggs, and CDC spokeswoman Lola Russell said for every case reported there may be up to 30 more. Lawyers said they know of hundreds of people who claim they became sick after eating eggs, but the challenge for victims is proving they became ill because they ate contaminated eggs.

"Without a positive culture, it's difficult to link egg consumption to the illness," said Bill Marler, a Seattle attorney who has filed six cases in Iowa. "Just because you bought eggs and got sick, it's probably not enough to prove a case."

One of Marler's clients, 30-year-old Sarah Lewis, of Freedom, Calif., said her life hasn't been the same since she ate a custard tart made with contaminated eggs last

spring. Since then, she's been hospitalized twice, continues to have chronic diarrhea and vomiting and has developed ulcerative colitis. She's lost 30 pounds and must take 10 medications a day.

"It's taken its toll," said Lewis, who has two daughters, ages 7 and 5. "You try not to be cranky and have a positive attitude, but it's hard. I just want to be me."

An inspection of the Iowa egg farms after the salmonella outbreak found dead chickens, insects, rodents and mounds of manure. The farms were restricted from selling eggs except to breaker facilities that pasteurized the eggs.

In October, the FDA allowed Hillandale Farms to resume selling eggs but told Wright



In this photo taken Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, Sarah Lewis poses for a photograph with her medication bottles at her parents' home in Freedom, Calif.

(AP Photo/Jeff Chiu)

County Egg it could be closed if it doesn't clean up.

Marler said his office has more than 100 other cases that "are most likely related" to the outbreak.

"Whether we file all of them or most of them, that's a tactical decision," he said.

Ron Simon, whose law firm in Houston has filed one case in Texas, said he has 150 more clients who became ill from the outbreak. □

He called it the largest food-borne outbreak in U.S. history, topping salmonella outbreaks that resulted in peanut butter recalls in 2007 and 2009.

Attorneys are examining claims and gathering information to verify that people who became ill had the same strain of salmonella that was found at the egg farms, Simon said. He predicted few cases would ever reach a courtroom. □

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In a tough economy, old stigmas fall away

By RACHEL BECK
ANNE D'INNOCENZIO,
AP Business Writers

PARAMUS, N.J. — The Goodwill store in this middle-class New York suburb is buzzing on a recent weekend afternoon. A steady flow of shoppers comb through racks filled with second-hand clothes, shoes, blankets and dishes.

A few years ago, opening a Goodwill store here wouldn't have made sense. Paramus is one of the biggest ZIP codes in the country for retail sales. Shoppers have their pick of hundreds of respected names like Macy's and Lord & Taylor along this busy highway strip. But in the wake of the Great Recession, the stigma attached to certain consumer behavior has fallen away. What some people once thought of as lowbrow, they now accept — even consider a frugal badge of honor.

And it's not just about Goodwill. Americans, even those with jobs, are shopping for brands, buying at stores and eating at restaurants that they shunned before because they are trying to get more for their money.

At the supermarket, shoppers are buying more store-labeled products, like no-name detergents and cereal, and not returning to national brands. And in a telling trend, Americans are turning to layaway more often when they buy expensive items such as engagement rings and iPads. The wealthy are also using layaway more often, a drastic change from the past.

"The old stigmas are the new realities," says Emanuel Weintraub, a New York-based retail consultant. "Now, people don't have a problem saying, 'I can't afford it.' It's a sign of strength."

At the Goodwill in Paramus,

even financially secure shoppers are showing up. One is Heather Dzielinski, from nearby Ramsey, N.J., who had donated things to Goodwill but never shopped at one of its stores until the Paramus location opened in July. A pair of L.L. Bean fur-lined slippers for \$8, far below the \$50 retail price, got her hooked. She thought a Goodwill store would be dark and dingy, but it wasn't. "This store is a lot different than what I thought it would be, and that impressed me," Dzielinski said during a recent visit. She picked up two shirts for her son costing about \$4 each.

Thrift and consignment stores are thriving, so much so that some high-end retail stores are carving out space for second-hand goods as a way to offset weak sales of their full-price merchandise.

This behavioral shift is pronounced at the nation's supermarkets. Store-branded groceries now make up 22 percent of total sales, up from 20 percent before the recession, according to The Nielsen Co. The private-label business is worth \$500 billion a year, so even a 2 percentage point change means \$10 billion.

Improved quality has helped drive the growth, but price also plays a big role. Supermarkets that stock almost all store-brands are thriving. One is Aldi, a chain of more than 1,000 stores in the Midwest and on the East Coast.

At an Aldi location in Chicago on a recent evening, shoppers didn't care that the only recognizable brands were the Splenda sweetener, a Butterball turkey and a few kinds of candy.

Six no-name grocery items — macaroni and cheese, potato chips, cream cheese,

sour cream, olive oil and guacamole — cost about \$10. The same six brand-name items cost \$22 at the nearby Dominick's.

"I started realizing that I could save \$20 shopping here for my groceries, and I liked the products," says Aline Silberg, a mother of two who works as a massage therapist and started coming to Aldi during the recession. "I stopped caring that they weren't brands I knew."

People are learning to live with trading down on clothes, too. Jaime Palmer of Dallas used to go to Neiman Marcus and spend as much as \$300 on dress shirts by such high-end designers as Hugo Boss and Thomas Pink.

Now, Palmer, a 36-year-old a managing partner at an investment boutique, buys from a new label called J. Hilburn, which customizes dress shirts for a much lower price — \$120. As for his suits, he's turning to outlets.

"You don't get the service. They don't bring you coffee," he concedes. "It did have a bit of a stigma for me." But living through the Great Recession has made him reassess how he shops, he says.

"All of a sudden you feel mortal," he says. And even though business has stabilized and Palmer's own personal portfolio has rebounded, "my spending patterns will probably be a lot more conservative for the rest of my life."

The search for value is also helping sales at fast-food restaurants like McDonald's. Driving some of the sales gains are wealthy Americans who are eating at such establishments more often than before the recession.

New research from American Express found that the super-affluent, which it defines as



In this photo taken Oct. 13, 2010 cashier Ciara Helton stocks the aisle at the Aldi grocery store in Chicago. Improved quality has helped drive the growth, but price also plays a big role. Supermarkets that stock almost all store-brands are thriving. One is Aldi, a chain of more than 1,000 stores in the Midwest and on the East Coast.

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those who put at least \$7,000 a month on their credit cards, spent 24 percent more on fast-food last spring than the year before. They spent 12 percent more on fine dining.

Back in Paramus, the packed racks at Goodwill are sorted by style and color, much like a department store. Black pants all hang together. Sets of dishes are displayed on a large rack. The merchandise contains some recognizable names — Ann Taylor, Gap, Ralph Lauren, Lilly Pulitzer. Women's shirts sell for \$5.29, half that if they're the color of the week.

The Paramus store is one of 100 new locations for the nonprofit Goodwill. Many are in middle-class suburbs. The strategy: Attract not only people in need, but also the many Americans who are looking for more value when they shop. Revenue this year is up 11 percent.

"We're increasingly seeing our shoppers and donors can be the same people," says Jim Gibbons, who is CEO of Goodwill Industries International, based in Rockville, Md.

A similar scenario plays out on Manhattan's Upper East

Side, where wealthy women who tend to frequent high-end boutiques are increasingly showing up at consignment shops looking for designer brands like Chanel and Gucci for less.

To fight back, some retailers are adding consignment to their stores. In the tony Boston suburb of Winchester, Mass., upscale clothing merchant T. Michaels began offering consignment a few months ago as a way to make up for weak sales. Locals drop off high-end clothes in pristine shape — some even have the tags still attached. When the shop sells them, the two split the profit.

Two years ago, having second-hand clothes in the same store that sells regular-priced goods might have driven well-heeled shoppers away. Today, the concept works. The new consignment area, called My Secret Closet, has brought in new customers. Shoppers browse both the retail and consignment areas without hesitation. "We are seeing a permanent change in how people shop, and we have to respond to that," says Tom Patrolia, who has owned the store for 24 years. □



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Obama boosts India for 'rightful place'

By BEN FELLER,
AP White House Correspondent
NEW DELHI — Deepening America's stake in Asian power politics, President Barack Obama on Monday endorsed India's bid to become a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council, hoping to elevate the nation of a billion people to "its rightful place in the world" alongside an assertive China.

Obama's declaration, delivered to the pounding applause of India's parliament members, spoke to a mission broader than the makeup of one global institution. By spending three packed days in India, announcing trade deals, dismissing job-outsourcing gripes and admonishing India's rival Pakistan, Obama went all in for an ally whose support he hopes to bank on for years.

"I want every Indian citizen to know: The United States of America will not simply be cheering you on from the sidelines," Obama said inside the soaring legislative chamber of the capital city. "We will be right there with you, shoulder to shoulder, because we believe in the promise of India."

To Obama, that promise entails shaking up the world order by giving more voice to developing countries that offer lucrative markets for U.S. products and potential help to counter terrorism and a warming planet. India fits Obama's agenda perfectly because it is the world's largest democracy and sits in the heart of a pivotal, vexing region.

The diplomacy in India also gave Obama a chance to reassert himself on the global stage, far from Washington in

the aftermath after humbling congressional elections.

His final day in India began with a lavish welcome ceremony at the majestic palace residence of India's president and ended there as Obama and his wife, Michelle, were toasted to a state dinner. The capstone of Obama's outreach here came when he announced support for India's long push to achieve a permanent place on the Security Council, the elite body responsible for maintaining international peace. It underlined Obama's contention that the partnership between the U.S. and India could have defining impact on both countries and the world. "The just and sustainable international order that America seeks includes a United Nations that is efficient, effective, credible and legitimate," Obama said as he called for India to be part of a reformed council.

Yet White House aides acknowledge any changes to the council could be messy and years in the making. Attempts to expand the council have long failed because of rivalries between countries.

India considered Obama's move to be an enormous coup regardless.

India is part of the so-called Group of Four, with Germany, Japan and Brazil, that has been seeking permanent seats as major economic and political powers. U.S. backing for a permanent seat for India is important, but officials here must also win support of the other veto-wielding council members, and the General Assembly has to agree on

reform plan. The five permanent members of the Security Council are the U.S., China, France, the United Kingdom and Russia. The only other country the U.S. has endorsed for permanent membership is Japan.

Pakistan criticized Obama's statement, accusing India of "blatant violations" of U.N. resolutions and calling on the U.S. to "take a moral view and not base itself on any temporary expediency or exigencies of power politics." China has long objected to India's proposed ascension to the council

The dangerous tensions between neighboring Pakistan and India helped frame Obama's trip. Pakistan is vitally important to Obama's bid to root out terrorists and win the war in Afghanistan. But India is deeply suspicious of Pakistan and demanding a stronger crackdown on extremist elements within the country's borders.

In another key gesture, Obama went further than he had earlier in addressing the terror threat inside Pakistan.

"We will continue to insist to Pakistan's leaders that terrorist safe havens within their borders are unacceptable, and that the terrorists behind the Mumbai attacks be brought to justice," the president said.

He was referring to the 2008 attacks on the Indian financial hub that left 166 people dead at the hands of Pakistani-based extremists.

Much of any discussion about India is also seen through the prism of China — both by the White House and by nations within Asia that are



U.S. President Barack Obama, left, and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, embrace following a joint statement and press conference at Hyderabad House in New Delhi, India, Monday, Nov. 8, 2010.

(AP Photo/Saurabh Das)

wary of China's growing might. A higher standing by India is widely seen as a way to keep power in balance in Asia, although Obama is also reaching out to China and will meet with its president later this week.

Obama coupled the Security Council endorsement with an admonition for India that "with increased power comes increased responsibility." He said it is leadership, not intervention, when a country acts to stop the oppression of another.

"Faced with such gross violations of human rights, it is the responsibility of the international community — especially leaders like the United States and India — to condemn it," Obama said in his parliament speech. "And if I can be frank, in international fora, India has often shied away from some of these issues."

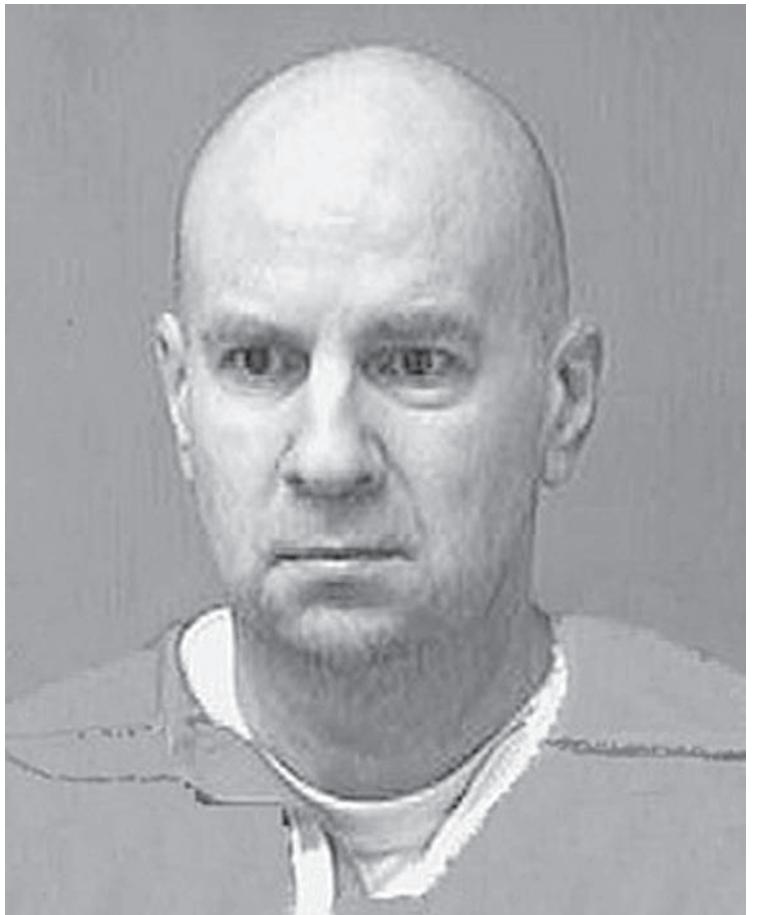
Earlier Monday, Obama and India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh stood in solidarity at a news conference

in citing all the ways, from security to education, that their nations' relationship is growing. On the economy, Singh joined Obama in dismissing criticism of outsourcing work to other countries, saying his nation "is not in the business of stealing jobs from America."

Questioned about Pakistan, Obama answered carefully, encouraging India and Pakistan to move toward peace and saying the U.S. would be "happy to play any role the parties think is appropriate" but couldn't "impose a solution."

Singh said that while he believes a strong, moderate Pakistan is in the interest of India and the wider region, India can't engage in talks as long as Pakistan's "terror machine is as active as ever before." Obama departs early Tuesday for Indonesia, the country where he spent four years as a boy. From there, he heads to economic meetings in South Korea and Japan. The president returns to Washington on Nov. 14. □

Conn. man condemned to die for fatal home invasion



FILE - This undated file photo provided by the Connecticut Department of Correction shows Steven Hayes. On Monday, Nov. 8, 2010, in New Haven Superior Court, a jury voted unanimously to send Hayes to death row, after previously convicting him for killing the wife and two daughters of Dr. William Petit during a home invasion in Cheshire, Conn., July 23, 2007.

(AP Photo)

**By JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN,
Associated Press**

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — A Connecticut man was condemned to death Monday for a night of terror inside a suburban home in which a woman was strangled and her two daughters tied to their

beds, doused in gasoline and left to die in a fire.

Jurors in New Haven Superior Court voted unanimously to send Steven Hayes to death row after deliberating over the span of four days. Judge Jon Blue will impose the sentence on Dec. 2.

"You have been exposed

to images of depravity and horror that no human being should have to see," Blue said in thanking the jurors for their service.

Dr. William Petit, the husband and father of the victims, said the verdict was not about revenge.

"Vengeance belongs to the Lord," Petit said. "This is about justice. We need to have some rules in a civilized society."

He also said it wouldn't bring closure, saying whoever came up with the concept was "an imbecile."

"It's a hole with jagged edges," he said. "Over time the edges may smooth out a little bit, but the hole in your heart, the hole in your soul is always there." Hayes' attorneys had tried to persuade jurors to spare him the death penalty by portraying him as a clumsy, drug-addicted thief who never committed violence until the 2007 home invasion with a fellow paroled burglar. They called the co-defendant, Joshua Komisarjevsky,

the mastermind and said he escalated the violence. They also said Hayes was remorseful and actually wanted a death sentence. But prosecutors said both men were equally responsible and that the crime cried out for the death penalty, saying the family was tormented for

seven hours before they were killed.

Defense attorney Tom Ullmann said Hayes, who had attempted suicide while incarcerated, smiled at the verdict.

"He is thrilled with the verdict. That's what he wanted all along," Ullmann said.

Hayes will join nine other men on Connecticut's death row. The state has only executed one man since 1960, so Hayes will likely spend years, if not decades, in prison.

Komisarjevsky will be tried next year.

Authorities said Hayes and Komisarjevsky broke into the house, beat William Petit, and forced his wife, Jennifer Hawke-Petit, to withdraw money from a bank while the rest of her family remained under hostage at home. Hayes then sexually assaulted and strangled her, authorities said. Komisarjevsky, who will be tried next year, is charged with sexually assaulting their 11-year-old daughter, Michaela.

Michaela and her 17-year-old sister, Hayley, were tied to their beds and doused in gasoline before the men set the house on fire, according to testimony. The girls died of smoke inhalation.

The crime was so unsettling that it became a key issue in the death penalty debate

in the governor's race and led to tougher Connecticut laws for repeat offenders and home invasions. Gov. M. Jodi Rell cited the case when she vetoed a bill that would have abolished the death penalty.

To determine Hayes' punishment, the jury weighed so-called aggravating factors cited by prosecutors, including the heinous and cruel nature of the deaths, against mitigating factors argued by Hayes' attorneys.

The jurors were individually polled after the verdict Monday. One woman was crying and confirmed her verdict in a hoarse voice while a male juror said "yes" loudly and with conviction when asked to confirm his. Hayes was alternately looking straight ahead and to the opposite side of the courtroom from jury.

His attorney, Tom Ullmann, sat somewhat slumped in his chair.

Petit said he cried at the verdict, "thinking of the tremendous loss."

"Michaela was an 11-year-old little girl tortured and killed in her own bedroom, surrounded by stuffed animals," he said, his voice cracking. He said his older daughter, Hayley, had a great future, and his wife, a nurse, had helped many children at the hospitals where she worked. □

Closings wrap up in deadly NH home invasion trial

**By LYNNE TUOHY,
Associated Press Writer**

NASHUA, N.H. — A teenager accused of murdering a woman and injuring her daughter with a machete during a home invasion knew details of the crime that only the killer could have known, a prosecutor said Monday during closing arguments.

Letters written by 18-year-old Steven Spader in jail amount to a confession, said Jeffery Strelzin, the lead prosecutor in the case.

"This defendant is so proud of what he did, he couldn't shut up," Strelzin said of the 15 pages of letters Spader allegedly wrote. "These are his words: 'I hacked at the mom. Death doesn't frighten me, blood excites me.' Page after page of vivid detail only the killer would know about the slaughter of a mother and attempted slaughter of her daughter."

His lawyer countered that Spader's words are in keeping with his reputation for exaggerating and lying.

"If there is one thing we have learned in this case, it's that Steven Spader cannot be trusted," Jonathan Cohen told jurors.

Prosecutors say Spader wielded a machete and co-defendant Christopher Gribble used a knife to hack to death 42-year-old Kimberly Cates and maim her 11-year-old daughter,

Jaimie, in their Mont Vernon home in October 2009. Spader has pleaded not guilty to charges of first-degree murder, attempted murder and other felonies. If convicted of first-degree murder, he faces an automatic sentence of life in prison without parole.

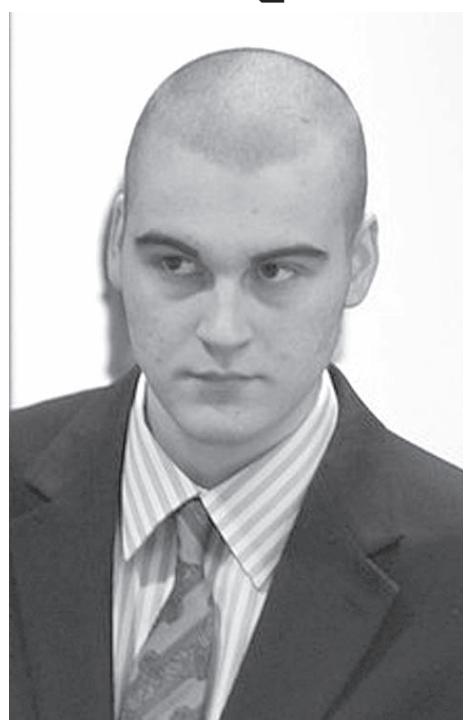
Cohen assailed the credibility of three co-defendants who brokered plea deals and testified against Spader. He suggested they, not Spader, were involved in the attacks. Strelzin took a machete from an evidence table and raised it toward the jury before pointing it directly at Spader, who sat expressionless through three hours of closing arguments.

"He's a coward and a killer," Strelzin said, his voice raised, as he glared at Spader. "You can trust that."

Spader's parents were in the courtroom for the closing arguments. His mother, Christine Spader, told reporters outside the courthouse: "We love our son. God loves our son." His father repeatedly told reporters to leave them alone.

Superior Court Judge Gillian Abramson sent jurors home after lunch, citing a "housekeeping matter." He told them to return at 9 a.m. Tuesday for instructions.

Jurors heard from 45 witnesses during the nine-day trial — all presented by the state. The defense called no witnesses. Gribble is set to go on trial in February. □



Steven Spader enters court in Nashua, N.H., Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010. Spader is facing life in prison without parole for his role in the attack of Jaimie Cates and muder of Kimberly Cates.

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Pairing food and wine is a form of art

A Passionate Encounter deserves the best wines

EAGLE BEACH - A Passionate Encounter is the title of an upcoming, exciting dinner at Passions Restaurant on the beach across from the Amsterdam Manor Resort. Held on Monday, November 15, it promises to be a lovely happening at which culinary expertise and creativity are paired with superb Silverado wines from the Napa Valley. Mixed with a great group of enthusiastic diners and a remarkable sunset it promises to be an unbeatable combination. Silverado Vineyards is located in the esteemed Stags Leap district; it overlooks the legendary Napa Valley. A stellar selection of its award-winning wines, crafted from estate-grown grapes, has delighted many connoisseurs all over the world. On the 15th November, several of Silverado's outstanding wines will be poured.

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Raising Funds for Charity

Radisson Golf Classic Conducts a Lively Auction



WEST PUNT - At the conclusion of the 3rd Radisson Aruba Charity Golf Classic a lively auction called by Randell Boekhouder, raised additional funds for the local cancer foundations and the World Childhood Foundation.

The tournament held at Tierra Del Sol golf course on Saturday, attracted 24 teams of golfers who also participated in the auction following the award ceremony.

Pierre Rafini, Bonnie Stanley, Hans Nooter, Scott Derrickson, Sisco Quant, Javier Wolters and Richard

Roy competed for an array of auction items including an Old Parr Superior, Special Edition Silver Bottle, a Chateau St Michelle Double Magnum of Cabernet Sauvignon, a weekend stay at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa penthouse suite, combined with dinner at the Sunset Grille Restaurant and a couple's massage at Larimar Spa, a catamaran trip for 20 on board the Cruzan Cat courtesy of Unique Sports of Aruba, a 5 day stay at BlueGreen Club 36 in Las Vegas, a 7 night stay at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, a 7 night stay at

the Radisson in NYC, a 7 day stay at the Radisson Celebration in Orlando, a framed, autographed photo of Phil Mickelson, a 5 night stay at the Radisson Fort McDowell in Scottsdale and the ultimate auction item, round trip tickets for two, from Aruba to Augusta GA including a 4 night stay at the Augusta Marriott Hotel & Suites and 2 tickets for the Thursday practice round of the 2011 Masters.

Pictured here, raising funds for charity, the golfers of the 3rd Radisson Aruba Charity Golf Classic. □



A Passionate Encounter deserves the best wines



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At the cocktail reception, when an amuse-bouche of a pastry cone with yellow fin tuna tartar is served, a Silverado Vineyards Millar Ranch Sauvignon Blanc 2009 will be poured. Tremendous vibrancy and exotic aromatics are the result of cold, stainless steel fermentation, preserving the wine's citrusy freshness. There are multiple yeast strains enhancing the aromas to make the texture silky. The appetizer of Dutch steamed mussels is treated to a Schug Carneros Estate Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast. This Chardonnay was produced in a lively, crisp style that emphasizes its fruit character. For this wine a combination of cold fermentation and traditional French Burgundian ageing techniques was used.

When a Silverado Vineyards

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11 percent Sauvignon Blanc, deserves a bit of elaboration: after having aged in brand-new barrels for a year and a half, the grape juice has turned a youthful, lemony yellow in color. Its nose is honeycomb and apricot with hints of citrus blossom.

After a sip of sheer gold, the palate is cleansed by a trace of roasted almond and a kiss of vanilla. This Limited Late Harvest can certainly stand up to the world!

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reason.

Azzy has a chip, just like the other donkeys. This way she can be recognized. The donkeys at the sanctuary are well-cared for: they get their food and drink and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers. The volunteers try to cover the cost through organizing all kinds of activities and by selling nice souvenirs in the store. Fortunately there are visitors who adopt a donkey now and then, who donate money or who buy something in the store. They help keep the sanctuary afloat that way.

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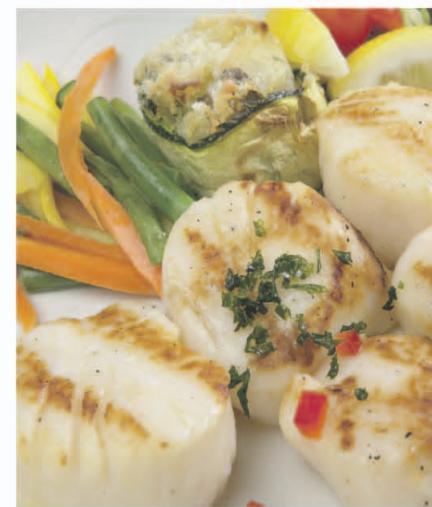
Among the island’s many fine restaurants, Aqua Grill is the premier seafood sensation. Excitingly prepared in an open-view kitchen, fresh local catches join delicacies from waters abroad, including live Maine lobster, Norwegian salmon, sashimi tuna, and Alaskan king crab, along with a selection of non-seafood dishes.

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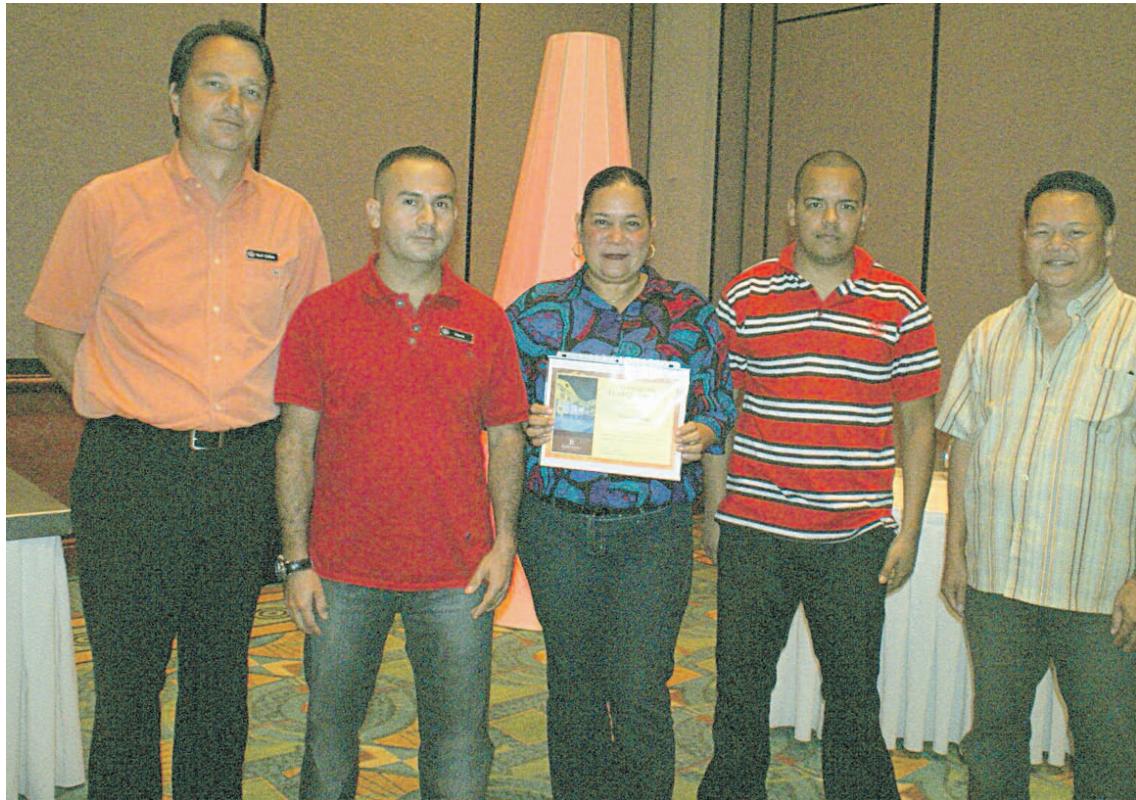
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Team of the Third Quarter celebrated at the Renaissance



ORANJESTAD — The team of the third quarter of 2010 was celebrated at the Renaissance Aruba Resort during an elegant lunch party at the Renaissance Convention Center. For the heart of the house Rose-Ann Padron, Daniel Curriel and Zenaida Polonia joined winner Mauricio Catari to receive their certificates and warm words of praise. For the front of the house, Mario Lucio, Samuel Kelly and Danilo de Guzman joined winner Vivian Tromp to receive their certificates and warm words of praise. Angela Hagedorn who nominated

Mauricio acknowledged his many contributions to the Renaissance Convention Center event department praising his superb taste in décor and his excellent eye for detail, while Chico Faro who nominated Vivian praised her terrific attitude & behavior, as an exceptional bartender on Renaissance Private Island.

Zulaika Dijkhoff, who won the Supervisor of the quarter title, was described by Juanita Chirrino as Super Woman, serving the resort as a most-efficient vacation planner. Albertino Daal, Etelvina Ridderstaat and Marina

Wever were also nominated in appreciation for their supervisory performance for the quarter.

Manager of the Quarter from the accounting department, Eric Simon, received warm accolades for the quality of his work and for his lawless conduct, rounding up the list of winners.

The lunch party was animated by excellent video clips recorded live, in which the nominees introduced themselves, lending a fresh twist to the celebration, organized by Queta Werleman of the department of human Resources. □



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Marriott Stellaris International Beach Tennis Event

Registration is open



PALM BEACH - Excitement is building for the upcoming Marriott Stellaris International Beach Tennis Event, which will take place from November 18 – 21. Registration is open for the categories Fun, Intermediate, Advanced, Pro, Masters (50-plus) and Juniors.

Lots of international participation is expected, with players from Bermuda, Costa Rica, Germany, the Czech Republic, Belgium, France, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, the US and Japan as well as from this region. Last year's champions Alex Mingozi and Matteo Marighella from Italy will be defending their title; who can forget the sizzling all-Italian 2009 final which attracted more than 2000 oohing and aahing spectators.

The tournament is held at MooMba Beach,

where lots of music from deejays will be accompanying the riveting matches of this event, which has a purse of \$ 10,000.--. Main sponsor is the Stellaris Casino; other sponsors are Alno Kitchen, Amstel Bright, Deloitte, Aruba Aloe, Professional Pest Control, Company 81, The Entertainment Group, NOW, Island Temptation, Holiday Inn, ISA, the Aruba Tourism Authority, AMC Unicon, Powerade, Zen Design, Awa and Bacardi Mojito.

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Every Body can play, so register via www.arubabeachtennis.com or 592-6421 in the category of your choice in singles, mixed or doubles. The Singles tournament will be held on Thursday, November 19, the Nations Cup on Friday and the Junior event on Sunday morning, November 21. □



Govt. suspects cholera has entered Haitian capital

JONATHAN M. KATZ

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Health officials said Monday they are examining at least 120 suspected cases of cholera in Haiti's capital, the most significant warning sign yet that the epidemic has spread from outlying areas to threaten as many as 3 million people.

Samples from patients in Port-au-Prince are being tested in a laboratory to confirm the presence of vibrio cholera bacteria, which has already killed at least 544 people in Haiti, Health Ministry Executive Director Gabriel Timothee told The Associated Press. If confirmed, the bacteria could imperil an estimated 2.5 million to 3 million inhabitants, nearly half of whom have been living in tents or under tarps in easily flooded encampments since their houses were destroyed in the Jan. 12 earthquake.

"We are working on the cases. ... We don't have confirmation yet,"



A woman suffering from cholera symptoms is carried by a volunteer at the hospital in Archaie, Haiti, Monday Nov. 8, 2010. After at least 20 people died when Hurricane Tomas brushed past Haiti, officials are now turning their attention back to the worsening cholera epidemic that has killed more than 500 people and hospitalized more than 7,300.

Timothee said.

He said many of the hospitalized patients are believed to have recently arrived from parts of Haiti such as the Artibonite Valley, where the epidemic was first registered and has done its most ferocious damage. More than 6,400 of the known 8,138 cases to date have

been in the agricultural region, clustered around the Artibonite River.

At least 114 of the people suspected of having the disease in the capital are in the Cite Soleil slum, the expansive oceanside shantytown at the capital's far northeastern edge and its closest point to the valley. Since its discovery in late October, the disease has spread to half of Haiti's 10 administrative regions, or departments. More than 200 people have been hospitalized in the West department, where Port-au-Prince is located, but no cases of cholera have yet been confirmed within the limits of the capital city.

Associated Press

Cholera had never been documented in Haiti before its appearance last month. In little more than three weeks it is suspected of infecting tens of thousands of people, though only about a quarter of people infected normally develop symptoms of serious diarrhea, vomiting and fever. Nearly 4 percent of the thousands hospitalized have died, most from extreme shock brought on by dehydration.

Officials are concerned that floods triggered by Hurricane Tomas on Friday and Saturday could exacerbate the spread of the disease, which is transmitted through the

consumption of fecal matter contained in contaminated water or food. The release of a dam on the Artibonite River caused the infected waterway to swell Monday, but there were no reports of major flooding.

Living conditions in Port-au-Prince's earthquake camps have "deteriorated as a result of the storm," Boston-based Partners in Health said Monday.

"Standing water, mud, lack of garbage collection, and limited sanitation availability make the camps a potential flashpoint for cholera outbreak," the group said. Humanitarian groups and Haitian health care workers have been working in Port-au-Prince to prepare for cholera, informing residents about preventative measures such as regular hand-washing and sufficiently cooking food as well as setting up clinics in expectation that the disease would spread to the city.

The origin of the outbreak continues to be a source for debate. Analysis by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has found that the cholera outbreak in Haiti most closely matches a strain of the disease found in South Asia.

Public health experts, including U.N. Deputy Special Envoy to Haiti Paul Farmer, who co-founded Partners in Health, have called for an aggressive investigation into the origin of the outbreak.

They say that should include looking at the unconfirmed hypothesis that cholera was introduced by U.N. peacekeepers from Nepal, a South Asian nation where the disease is endemic. Those peacekeepers are at a U.N. base on a tributary of the Artibonite River, which has been found to be contaminated with cholera. □



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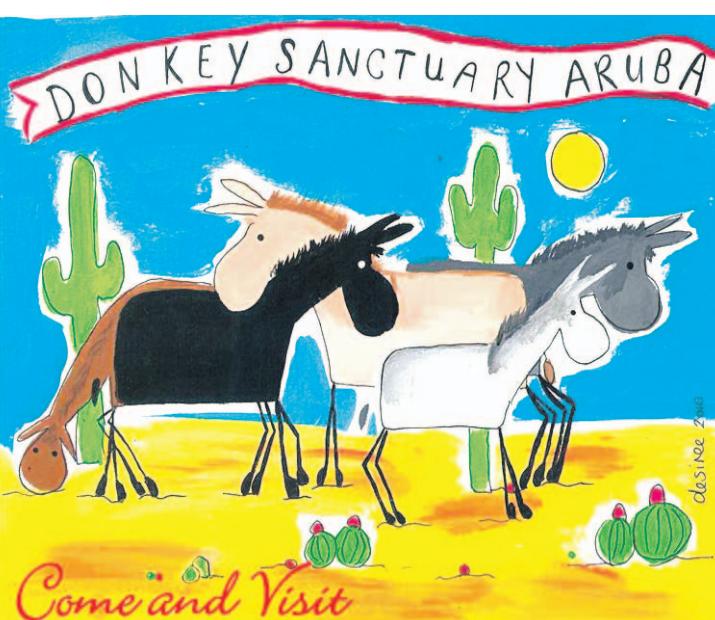
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Radical Yemeni cleric calls for killing Americans

MAGGIE MICHAEL

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — A U.S.-born radical cleric who belongs to the al-Qaida offshoot behind the cargo bomb plot on the United States told Muslims they are free to kill American “devils” at will in a video posted on extremist websites Monday.

Anwar al-Awlaki’s vitriolic sermons have inspired several attacks against the United States, and Yemeni officials say he may have given his blessing to the mail bomb plot even if he did not take an active part in it. The al-Qaida branch in Yemen, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, claimed responsibility for the foiled bomb plot.

In past messages, al-Awlaki has justified killing American civilians as retaliation for the killing of hundreds of thousands of Muslim civilians in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. But this appeared to be an escalation, with the 39-year-old cleric arguing that no rationale was needed to seek out and kill Americans.

“Don’t consult with anybody in killing the Americans,” al-

Awlaki said in the 23-minute video, in which he appeared dressed in a white robe and turban, with a sheathed dagger tucked into his waistband.

“Fighting the devil does not require a fatwa, nor consultation nor prayers seeking divine guidance. They are the party of Satan and fighting them is the obligation of the time,” he said.

Fatwas are religious rulings on even the most mundane personal issues, such as marriage or finances and have been issued to allow the killing of people deemed to have insulted Islam or to have harmed Muslims.

In the video, Al-Awlaki accused the United States of pouring money into Yemen to encourage Yemenis to shun their religion.

“There is an American policy presented to the Yemeni government, funded by the West, for the people of this country to alienate them from their religion,” said al-Awlaki, who was born in New Mexico of Yemeni parents.

U.S. intelligence has linked Al-Awlaki to the Sept. 11, 2001 hijackers and to last

year’s failed Christmas day bombing of a jetliner over Detroit. He also has ties to Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, the Army psychiatrist accused of killing 13 people in November at the Fort Hood, Texas, military base.

U.S. investigators say that since he returned to Yemen in 2006, al-Awlaki has moved beyond just inspiring militants to becoming an active operative in al-Qaida’s affiliate there.

Short excerpts from the al-Awlaki video were released on Oct. 23, two weeks before the mail bombs were uncovered. But this was the first full posting of the video.

U.S. officials told The Associated Press last week that military aid to Yemen would double to \$250 million in 2011 to help the country fight al-Qaida.

The White House is seeking greater cooperation on intelligence sharing with the Yemeni government and more opportunities to train Yemeni counterterrorism teams in the aftermath of the failed mail bomb plot, a senior administration official said



SITE
In this image taken from video and released by SITE Intelligence Group on Monday, Nov. 8, 2010, Anwar al-Awlaki speaks in a video message posted on radical websites Monday Nov. 8, 2010.

Associated Press

Sunday.

Al-Awlaki also attacked rulers in the Arab world, describing them as corrupt, and he called on religious scholars to declare them “non-Muslims” for betraying the Muslim people.

“Kings, emirs, and presidents are now not qualified to lead the nation, or even a flock of sheep,” he said. “If the leaders are corrupt, the scholars have the responsibility to lead the

nation.”

He added that these leaders would have to be removed for the Muslim people to move forward.

The only way Muslims can protect themselves from the threat of the infidels is by supporting the “mujahideen,” he said.

“If we support the mujahideen, we will win it all and if we let them down, we will lose it all,” he said. □



Myanmar citizens gather while waiting for food at the Border Patrol Police base in Thailand’s Mae Sot town Monday, Nov. 8, 2010 following fighting between Myanmar soldiers and ethnic Karen fighters. Clashes between rebels and Myanmar government troops have broken out at two key border points a day after the country’s first election in two decades. The fighting prompted thousands of refugees to flee into neighboring Thailand.

Associated Press

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Clashes between ethnic rebels and government troops have sparked a refugee exodus and underlined military-ruled Myanmar’s vulnerability to unrest following weekend elections decried by President Barack Obama as unfair and repressive. Mothers carrying babies and

grown men hoisting elders on their backs fled Myanmar with 15,000 countrymen Monday as fighting raged at key points along the Thai border, wounding at least 10 people.

Myanmar held its first election in two decades on Sunday, billed by the ruling junta as a key stage in its self-

proclaimed road to democracy. But the voting has been widely slammed as a sham to cement military power. The country has been ruled by the military near-continuously since 1962, and rebellions by its ethnic minorities predate its independence from Britain in 1948.

In the heaviest clashes, Karen rebels reportedly seized a police station and post office Sunday in the Myanmar border town of Myawaddy. Sporadic gun and mortar fire continued into Monday afternoon. More fighting broke out further south for one hour Monday at the Three Pagodas Pass, said local Thai official Chamras Jungnoi, but there was no word on any casualties. Thai officials said late Monday that fighting had quieted and government

troops had regained control of Myawaddy.

Groups representing ethnic minorities who make up some 40 percent of Myanmar’s population had warned in recent days that civil war could erupt if the military tried to impose its highly centralized constitution and deprive them of rights.

Refugee camps in Thailand already house tens of thousands of ethnic Karen who have fled decades of fighting in the border regions, but Monday marked the biggest one-day tide of refugees to flee into Thailand in recent years.

Refugees marched, shepherded by Thai security personnel, through the streets of the Thai town of Mae Sot, which is just across a river from Myawaddy. Those few

carrying belongings toted them on top of their heads, while several lucky ones got rides on pickup trucks.

“At least 15,000 refugees have crossed from eastern Myanmar into northern Thailand since this morning,” said Andrej Mahecic, spokesman for the U.N.’s refugee agency, which was providing tents and other materials to shelter the refugees. Refugees continued to arrive into the evening, and some independent estimates put their number closer to 20,000.

Col. Wannatip Wongwai, commander of Thailand’s Third Army Region, said Myanmar government troops appeared to have retaken control of Myawaddy, and the Karen rebels held just a few positions on the town’s outskirts. □

15,000 refugees flee Myanmar post-vote fighting



U.S. citizen Lori Berenson refuses to speak with reporters while arriving home after being released from prison in Lima, Peru, Monday Nov. 8, 2010. Berenson, who served three-quarters of a 20-year sentence for collaborating with leftist rebels, walked free for the second time after a judge reinstated her parole initially ruled last May.

Associated Press

CARLA SALAZAR

Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP)—American activist Lori Berenson walked free from a Peruvian prison Monday for the second time after serving three-quarters of a 20-year sentence for collaborating with leftist rebels.

The 40-year-old New York woman and her lawyer and

husband, Anibal Apari, were seen arriving at the Lima apartment where she plans to live.

"I will not be making any statements at this time," Berenson told reporters.

Apari told CPN radio that Berenson was "once again trying to adjust, and organizing her things" at the residence, where she plans to

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American Lori Berenson freed from Peru prison

spend her time working and studying.

Hours earlier, Berenson's 18-month-old son left the jail, where he had been staying with his mother, in the arms of his grandmother Rhoda Berenson.

Berenson was initially paroled in May, but then was returned to prison in mid-August on a technicality. The same judge who first freed Berenson reinstated her parole Friday. Her legal troubles are not over, however.

The former Massachusetts Institute of Technology student must remain in Peru until her full sentence is served — unless President Alan Garcia decides to commute it.

Garcia has indicated he will not consider a decision until all of the legal issues in the case have been resolved, which means Berenson could be stuck in the South American nation for some time.

Meanwhile, prosecutor Julio Galindo has vowed to appeal the parole order, saying it is his duty to protect Peruvian society and Berenson's case

could establish a precedent for others convicted of terrorism-related crimes to argue that they, too, should go free.

"Our goal is to achieve the revocation" of Berenson's parole, Galindo said Monday. "This is a very sensitive matter for the country."

Apari said previously it could take two to three months for the appeal to be resolved.

Berenson was arrested in 1995 and accused of helping the leftist Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement plan an armed takeover of Congress. The takeover never happened, but prosecutors said that among other things, Berenson had helped the group to rent a safe house.

A military court convicted her the following year and sentenced her to life in prison for sedition, but she was retried by a civilian court in 2001 and sentenced to 20 years for terrorist collaboration.

Berenson was completely unrepentant at the time of her arrest but softened during years of sometimes harsh prison conditions, eventually

being praised as a model prisoner.

In May, she apologized to Peruvians in a letter for any hurt she may have caused.

Yet she is viewed by many Peruvians as a symbol of the rebel violence that afflicted the nation two decades ago. Many people remain traumatized by the 1980-2000 conflict that claimed 80,000 lives. In that conflict, the fanatical Maoist Shining Path movement did most of the killing, while Tupac Amaru was a minor player.

Berenson denies ever belonging to Tupac Amaru or engaging in violent acts.

In August, when she was returned to prison, Berenson said in an interview with three Lima-based journalists that her case had become a political football with presidential elections due in April.

Berenson's new neighbors protested vehemently the first time she was released and showed up at her apartment in the Miraflores area, but there was no immediate outcry from them Monday evening. □

Cuba announces date for important party congress

ANDREA RODRIGUEZ

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba will hold a long-delayed, and much-anticipated, Communist Party Congress next April and leaders will use the meeting to chart a new economic future for the island, President Raul Castro announced Monday.

The congress, which last took place in 1997, is traditionally used to announce major policy changes. It is supposed to be held every five years, but has been delayed repeatedly as Cuba grappled with a change in leadership and a deep economic crisis.

There has been intense speculation that the future of revolutionary icon Fidel Castro might also be discussed at the congress, though Raul Castro made no mention of his brother in his Monday speech.

"The Sixth Party Congress will concentrate on a solution to our economic problems," Castro said. He said the meeting will "make fundamental decisions on how to modernize

the Cuban economic model and adopt the paths for economic and social policy of the party and the revolution."

Castro was joined by Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez, whose country sends the island billions of dollars worth of oil every year and has become Cuba's most important patron. Venezuela's socialist leader vowed to continue supporting the Cuban revolution both economically and politically.

Since taking over from his ailing brother in 2006 — first temporarily, then permanently — Raul Castro has pursued a series of major economic reforms. In September, Cuba announced it was laying off a half million state workers while opening up new opportunities for citizens to start private businesses.

Castro has also begun to roll back the deep subsidies Cubans have come to rely on.

Most citizens make just \$20 a month in state-run jobs, but receive free education and health care and nearly free housing, transportation, utilities and basic food. □

Chirac to be tried in second corruption case



Former French President Jacques Chirac, left, shakes hand with Chinese President Hu Jintao prior to their meeting in Paris, Friday Nov. 5, 2010. Chinese President Hu Jintao is on a three-day state visit to France.

P I E R R E - A N T O I N E SOUCHARD

Associated Press

PARIS (AP)—Former French President Jacques Chirac has been ordered to stand trial in

a second party financing case dating back to his 1977-1995 tenure as Paris mayor, judicial officials say. The cases would mark the first time a former leader of

modern France is forced to stand trial.

Chirac, 77, already is set to go on trial in March in one long-standing corruption case.

An investigating judge in the

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Paris suburb of Nanterre has now ordered Chirac also to be tried for “illegal conflict of interest” in a similar case, the officials said Monday, speaking on condition of anonymity because of judicial policy.

The prosecutor’s office could appeal that order.

Chirac — who founded the Rally for the Republic party, the precursor to President Nicolas Sarkozy’s Union for a Popular Movement — has for years been dogged by a series of party financing scandals, with allegations that he set up a system to feed millions of euros (dollars) of funds to his party.

While he held France’s highest office from 1995 to 2007, Chirac used his presidential immunity to keep investigators away.

In the case investigated in Nanterre, Chirac has faced questions about seven jobs at his former conservative party that were improperly paid for

by City Hall or by construction companies. The charge against him carries a prison term of up to five years, while Chirac risks up to 10 years in the other case. Still, observers say any time behind bars would be extremely unlikely.

In the other affair — also centering on a phony jobs scandal at City Hall — Chirac is charged with embezzlement and breach of trust.

His lawyers have expressed hope that the two cases could be tried at the same time, a decision that has not yet been made.

Chirac has denied any wrongdoing and noted that France long had no judicial rules regarding a framework for party financing. He also has pointed out that the government passed several laws from 1988 to 1995 as it tried to clarify the rules.

The former leader now devotes much of his time to his charitable organization, La Fondation Chirac. □

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UN envoy: rehabilitate child pirates



The United Nations Secretary General's special advisor on legal issues related to Piracy, Jack Lang, speaks to journalists in Nairobi, Kenya, Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010. More countries must help Kenya to prosecute Somali pirates, a top U.N. official said Tuesday.

ANITA SNOW

Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS (AP)

— Child pirates should not be tried as adults if an international tribunal is established to combat the growing piracy problem off Somalia's coast, the U.N.'s representative for children in armed conflict said Monday.

"All of the old pirates now are rich, they are either living

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Radhika Coomaraswamy told reporters that a teen was among jailed pirates she met with during a visit to Somalia last week, and that her delegation heard about child soldiers escaping from the ranks of Islamic militias to become pirates.

"All of the old pirates now are rich, they are either living

in Kenya or Somalia, and the people that they send out to actually do the dangerous stuff are young children and youth, between the ages of 15, 16 and 17," said Coomaraswamy, of Sri Lanka.

Like children recruited to be soldiers in Somalia, she said, child pirates "have no concept of death as adults do, so they are easily exploited ... to do all the fierce fighting."

The 15-member U.N. Security Council has imposed sanctions on pirates and authorized countries to pursue them in Somalia's territorial waters. But prosecution of accused pirates has been difficult. An international tribunal is among options the U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon recently offered the Security Council for dealing with the problem.

Coomaraswamy said that as in the case of minors who face war crimes trials, child pirates should be rehabilitated, not tried as adults.

"Hopefully an international tribunal would use the same rules as those used for war crimes, which is that no one under 18 will be prosecuted ... but undergo some kind of rehabilitation. I would advocate for that," she said.

Piracy has become a lucrative business for organized criminal gangs who board ships in the Gulf of Aden or the Indian Ocean — one of the world's busiest sea lanes — and hold them, their crews and cargos for ransom.

Human rights groups and media outlets have reported about the existence of child soldiers in Somalia for years. One Somali human rights group has estimated that thousands of child soldiers are used by both the weak, U.N.-backed government and Islamist militias like al-Shabab that are trying to overthrow it.

Although the number of child soldiers in Somalia is unclear, Coomaraswamy said

the recruitment of underaged combatants fighting on all sides of the Somali conflict has risen in recent months through radio broadcasts and in schools.

Children make up the bulk of Somalia's estimated 7.5 million residents.

Coomaraswamy met with Prime Minister Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed and other officials during her visit to Somalia and received assurances that the government will work with the United Nations to release and rehabilitate child soldiers in its army.

In a recent report, Ban accused both Somalia's government and al-Shabab of trying to maim or kill children by putting them in the line of fire. Somalia has not had a functioning government since clan-based warlords toppled dictator Mohamed Siad Barre in 1991 and then turned on each other, sinking the Horn of Africa nation into chaos. □

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Spanish tennis champion Rafael Nadal during a press conference at the Paris Tennis Masters tournament, Monday, Nov. 8, 2010. Nadal has decided not participate to the tournament due to a shoulder injury.

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Nadal confident he will be ready for ATP Finals

SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Top-ranked Rafael Nadal said Monday the shoulder injury that forced him out of the Paris Masters won't prevent him from playing at the ATP World Tour finals later this month.

Nadal told a news conference he has a small case of tendinitis in his left shoulder and that he withdrew from the final Masters tournament of the season to avoid risking a serious injury before the London event and next year's Australian Open.

Nadal said he will need one week of full training to be ready for the ATP Finals, which run from Nov. 21-28.

"I'm fine. I went to the doctor and he told me the injury could worsen if I was playing," Nadal said. "This is the end of the season and all those matches took a toll on my shoulder."

After winning the French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open this season, Nadal is guaranteed to finish the year at the No. 1 spot.

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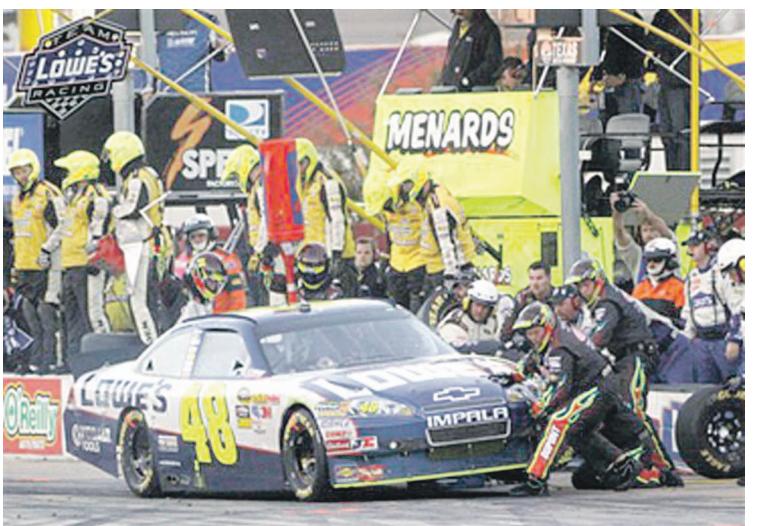
SON OF A BUM

Phillips fired after Packers 45-7 rout

Dallas Cowboys head coach Wade Phillips reacts during the first half of an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, in Green Bay, Wis.

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In this March 1, 1983, file photo, New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, left, and manager Billy Martin, get together outside the dugout at baseball spring training in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Steinbrenner will be on the Hall of Fame veterans committee ballot next month with Martin.

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Yankees owner George Steinbrenner will be on the Hall of Fame veterans committee ballot next month with former New York manager Billy Martin. Steinbrenner owned the Yankees from 1973 until his death in July, and the team won seven World Series championships, 11

MLS Playoff LA Galaxy beat Sounders advance to semifinals

CARSON, California (AP) — David Beckham set up two goals in an eight-minute span in the first half to lead the Los Angeles Galaxy to a 2-1 victory over Seattle Sounders FC in Major League Soccer's Western Conference semifinal Sunday.

The Galaxy won the home-and-away series against Seattle 3-1 and will next host FC Dallas in the Western Conference Championship. Beckham's game started badly when he was booked in the eighth minute for a clumsy challenge on Seattle's Fredy Montero. Edson Buddle scored his second goal of the playoffs in the 19th minute in front of a crowd of 27,000 at The Home Depot Center. He evaded defender Tyrone Marshall to head Beckham's corner inside the left post from eight yards



Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder David Beckham, left, celebrates defender Omar Gonzalez's goal against Seattle Sounders FC in the first half of their MLS playoff soccer game on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, in Carson, Calif.

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(meters).

Omar Gonzalez made it 2-0 in the 27th minute. From Beckham's 32-yard free kick, Gonzalez dived to head the ball inside the left post and past goalkeeper Casey Keller from seven yards (meters). Steve Zakuani scored for Seattle in the 86th minute. Goalkeeper Donovan Ricketts kept Sounders from scoring with two vital saves either side of halftime. □

Steinbrenner on Hall of Fame ballot

John, Al Oliver, Ted Simmons and Rusty Staub.

Retired Toronto, Baltimore, Seattle and Philadelphia general manager Pat Gillick also is on the 12-man ballot, the Hall said Monday.

To be elected, a candidate must appear on at least 75 percent of the 16 ballots. Results will be announced Dec. 6 at the winter meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

This year's veterans committee ballot covers baseball's expansion era. Players, managers, umpires, executives whose most significant impact was from 1973 on were considered in the first of a three-year cycle.

Under changes announced last summer, the golden era (1947-72) will be voted on in 2011 and the pre-integration era (1871-1946) will be judged in 2012.

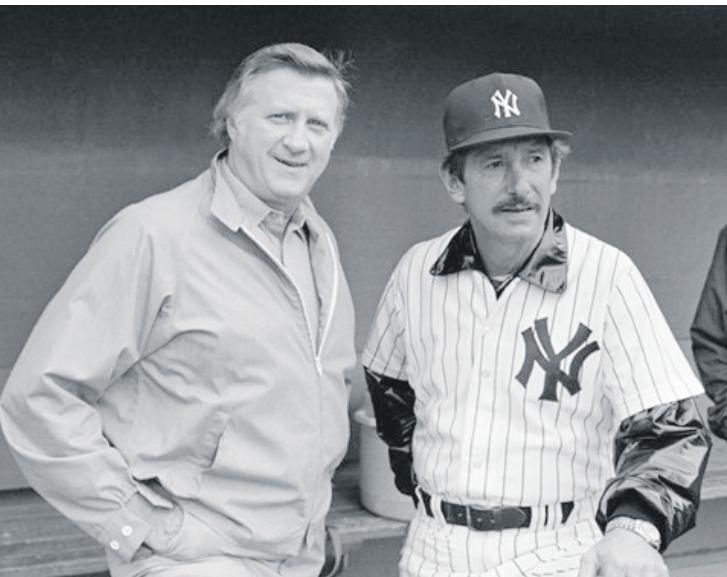
Hall of Famers Johnny Bench, Whitey Herzog, Eddie Murray, Jim Palmer, Tony Perez, Frank Robinson, Ryne Sandberg and Ozzie Smith are on the veterans committee with Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf, Baltimore Orioles President Andy MacPhail, former Phillies owner Bill Giles, Royals owner David Glass, Bob Elliott of the Toronto Sun, Tim Kurkjian of ESPN, Tom Verducci of Sports Illustrated

and retired Los Angeles Times reporter Ross Newhan.

Miller, who helped players win multimillion-dollar salaries, fell two shorts vote last year, when Herzog and umpire Doug Harvey were elected.

Anyone elected will be inducted into the Hall during ceremonies in Cooperstown on July 24 with any players chosen in January by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. The BBWAA ballot includes holdovers Bert Blyleven and Roberto Alomar, and newcomers Rafael Palmeiro and Juan Gonzalez. □

Johnson to use Gordon's crew for final 2 Cup races



Jeff Gordon's pit crew services Jimmie Johnson's car during a pit stop in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Texas Motor Speedway on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, in Fort Worth, Texas. Gordon had crashed out of the race, and his crew was sent to take over duties for Johnson.

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JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — Four-time defending NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson had a major shakeup to his race team Monday when Hendrick Motorsports gave him teammate Jeff Gordon's pit crew for the final two races of the season.

The swap comes a day after Johnson's crew was benched mid-race at Texas Motor Speedway following a shaky performance on pit road. The switch Sunday was made possible after an accident

knocked Gordon out of the race.

Gordon's crew was flawless the rest of the day for Johnson, but he still finished ninth and winner Denny Hamlin took over the points lead. With two races remaining in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, Johnson trails Hamlin by 33 points.

"We needed to do something," Knaus said Sunday. "This is a team. The 24/48 shop has always operated as a team and that is the way that we see it. It is sad that we had to do that, but in interest of Hendrick Motorsports and what we have to do, you have to do that stuff."

"It is not uncommon," he added. "We've seen it happen before and we'll get home and try to get it fixed up and get our boys back."

It's the second crew swap among the championship leaders this Chase. □

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NBA Roundup

Rockets win first game of season, beat Wolves

HOUSTON (AP) — Luis Scola of Argentina scored 24 points and Kevin Martin added 21 to help the Houston Rockets win their first game of the season with a 120-94 rout of the Minnesota Timberwolves on Sunday.

Yao Ming, playing under a strict time limit while recovering from foot surgery, had 13 points and four rebounds in 16 minutes. Shane Battier added 17 points for Houston, which lost its first five games. The Rockets lost their first 10 games in 1982-83.

Minnesota lost for the sixth time in seven games. Kevin Love led the Timberwolves with 16 points and 16 rebounds. Michael Beasley added 15 points.

Celtics 92, Thunder 83

At Oklahoma City, Ray Allen scored 19 points and Boston's bench helped prevent a big lead from slipping away in the fourth quarter as the Celtics opened a four-game road trip with a win over Oklahoma. Glen Davis had three foul line jumpers during a 15-6 push by the Celtics after their 22-point lead had been cut to 73-67 early in the fourth quarter.

Kevin Durant scored 34 points and Russell Westbrook had 16 points and 10 assists to lead Oklahoma City, which played without third-leading scorer Jeff Green. Green is day to day with a sprained left ankle.

Suns 118, Hawks 114

At Atlanta, Jason Richardson scored 21 points and Steve Nash added 19 as Phoenix dealt Atlanta its first loss of

the season.

There were four ties in the fourth quarter but the Hawks, who trailed by 18 in the third period, could not take the lead. Nash, who had 15 assists, made four free throws in the final 7 seconds to protect the lead.

Joe Johnson had 34 points and Al Horford added 30 — one shy of his career high — for Atlanta. Johnson and Horford each set season scoring highs.

76ers 106, Knicks 96

At New York, Elton Brand scored 20 points, and Lou Williams and Jrue Holiday each had 19 as Philadelphia beat New York.

Evan Turner, the No. 2 pick and last season's college player of the year, added 14 points and 10 rebounds in his first NBA start as the 76ers snapped the Knicks' two-game winning streak. Turner started in place of Andre Iguodala, out with a strained right Achilles' tendon.

It was the fourth straight game with 20 or more for the resurgent Brand, his best stretch since late in the 2006-07 season, before he came to Philadelphia.

Amare Stoudemire had 21 points and 15 rebounds for the

Knicks.

Pistons 102, Warriors 97

At Auburn Hills, Michigan, Richard Hamilton scored 27 points and Rodney Stuckey added 21 points and nine assists to help Detroit beat Golden State.

The Pistons have now won two straight after losing their first five games of the season. Golden State, which hasn't lost in four home games, is now 0-2 on the road.

Charlie Villanueva added 16 points and 10 rebounds off the bench for Detroit, while Tayshaun Prince scored 14. Monta Ellis led Golden State with 24 points and Dorell Wright had 19.

Lakers 121, Trail Blazers 96

At Los Angeles, Pau Gasol had 20 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists while completing his fourth career triple-double by the third quarter, as the Los Angeles Lakers easily improved to 7-0 for the fifth time in franchise history with a victory over Portland.

Lamar Odom had 21 points and 12 rebounds, Kobe Bryant scored 12 points and Ron Artest played stringent defense on Portland star Brandon Roy during a smooth night of work for the Lakers,



Houston Rockets' Courtney Lee (5) is fouled by Minnesota Timberwolves' Wayne Ellington (19) during the second quarter of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, in Houston.

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who led by 24 points in the first half and 29 down the stretch while outrebounding the Blazers 49-25.

Andre Miller scored 20 points and Nicolas Batum added 17 for the Blazers, who lost for just the second time in their last six meetings with the

Lakers.

In other NBA games it was Philadelphia 106, New York 96; Phoenix 118, Atlanta 114; Detroit 102, Golden State 97; Houston 120, Minnesota 94; Boston 92, Oklahoma City 83; and L.A. Lakers 121, Portland 96. □

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NFL Roundup

Rodgers throws 3 TDs, Packers rout Cowboys 45-7

GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (AP) — Aaron Rodgers threw for 289 yards and three touchdowns, and Brandon Jackson scored twice as the Green Bay Packers thrashed the Dallas Cowboys 45-7 on Sunday. It was a new nadir in a lost season for the Cowboys (1-7), who came into 2010 with Super Bowl aspirations. And it's sure to kick off a new round of speculation about the future of coach Wade Phillips, despite recent statements from team owner Jerry Jones that a midseason firing was unlikely.

James Jones caught eight passes for 123 yards and a touchdown for the Packers (6-3), who have won three straight.

Green Bay's Clay Matthews added a final dose of embarrassment in the fourth quarter, picking off a pass from Jon Kitna and running it back 62 yards for a touchdown.

Browns 34, Patriots 14

At Cleveland, rookie quarterback Colt McCoy scrambled for a touchdown, and Peyton Hillis ran for a career-high 184 yards and two scores as Cleveland pounded New England.

Two weeks after stunning New Orleans, the Browns (3-5) pulled off another shocker. Well rested after their bye week, they ended New England's five-game winning streak and did it decisively, outplaying one of the NFL's top teams for all 60 minutes.

Vikings 27, Cardinals 24



Indianapolis Colts wide receiver Austin Collie lies on the field after being injured in the first half of an NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles, Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010 in Philadelphia.

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OT

At Minneapolis, Brett Favre rallied Minnesota from 14 points down to tie it with 27 seconds to play, then drove them into position for Ryan Longwell's 35-yard game-winning field goal.

Favre threw for a career-high 446 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions for the Vikings (3-5), who fought back cheers of "Fire Childress!" early in the game to pull out the win.

Raiders 23, Chiefs 20 OT

At Oakland, California, Jason Campbell threw a 47-yard pass to rookie Jacoby Ford in overtime to set up a 33-yard field goal by Sebastian Janikowski that gave Oakland its biggest win in eight years.

Campbell and Ford hooked up on a 29-yard pass in the closing seconds of regulation to set up Janikowski's tying 41-yard field goal. The Raiders (5-4) then won it in overtime for their most significant victory since winning the 2002 American Football Conference championship.

Jets 23, Lions 20 OT

At Detroit, Mark Sanchez

threw a 52-yard pass to Santonio Holmes to set up Nick Folk's game-winning 30-yard field goal 2:18 into overtime.

Sanchez scored on a quarterback sneak with 2:46 left in regulation and led a nine-play drive that set up Folk's 36-yard kick to send the game into OT. Matthew Stafford threw two touchdown passes and ran for a score to give Detroit a 10-point lead before re-injuring his right shoulder and leaving the game with 5:19 left.

Eagles 26, Colts 24

At Philadelphia, Michael Vick threw for 218 yards and one touchdown, ran for 74 yards and a score, as Philadelphia beat Peyton Manning and Indiana.

The Eagles (5-3) are 12-0 after a bye since Andy Reid became coach in 1999. They hadn't beaten Manning in three previous tries.

Saints 34, Panthers 3

At Charlotte, North Carolina, Drew Brees threw for 253 yards and two touchdowns, Jabari Greer returned an interception for a touchdown and New Orleans became the

latest team to shut down Carolina's NFL-worst offense.

The Saints (6-3) overcame the loss of tight end Jeremy Shockey to a rib injury after his touchdown catch to keep pace in the competitive NFC South. Rookie tight end Jimmy Graham caught his first NFL TD in Shockey's absence and the Saints held Carolina to 195 yards.

Giants 41, Seahawks 7

At Seattle, Eli Manning threw for three first-half touchdowns, and Ahmad Bradshaw added a pair of rushing touchdowns as the Giants downed Seattle.

Manning and the Giants (6-2) jumped to a 35-0 halftime lead, overwhelming the banged up Seahawks and staking claim as maybe the best team in the NFC halfway through the season. Bears 22, Bills 19

At Toronto, Jay Cutler threw two touchdown passes, including one to Earl Bennett late in the fourth quarter, to give Chicago a win and keep Buffalo winless.

Chester Taylor also scored on a 1-yard plunge for the Bears (5-3), who came

out of their off week to end a two-game skid. Tim Jennings' interception came early in the fourth quarter, and with Chicago trailing 19-14.

Falcons 27, Buccaneers 21

At Atlanta, Michael Turner scored two early touchdowns and Atlanta held off Tampa Bay with a gutsy goal-line stand to take over sole possession of first place in the NFC South. Turner rushed 24 times for 107 yards, including scoring plays of 2 and 10 yards that gave the Falcons (6-2) an early 14-0 lead.

Atlanta was hanging on at the end against the Buccaneers (5-3), whose coach, Raheem Morris, had proclaimed his team the best in the NFC.

Chargers 29, Texans 23

At Houston, Philip Rivers threw four touchdown passes against the NFL's worst pass defense as San Diego earned its first road win of the season.

Rivers completed 17 of 23 passes for 295 yards. He used eight different receivers in the absence of tight end Antonio Gates, who was out with a right foot injury.

Ravens 26, Dolphins 10

At Baltimore, Billy Cundiff made four field goals as Baltimore cranked up the defense after halftime to hand Miami its first road loss.

Baltimore (6-2) won its seventh straight at home behind Cundiff and a defense that blanked Miami (4-4) in the second half. Cundiff connected from 26, 39, 20, 24 yards, and the Ravens held the Dolphins to 24 yards rushing over the final 30 minutes.

Dolphins quarterback Chad Henne went 22 for 34 for 231 yards and three interceptions. □



Cowboys fire Wade Phillips

By JAIME ARON

AP Pro Football Writer

IRVING, Texas — Wade Phillips was fired Monday as coach of the Dallas Cowboys, with offensive coordinator Jason Garrett promoted to take his place.

Team owner Jerry Jones decided enough was enough following a 45-7 loss to the Green Bay Packers the night before. It was the Cowboys' fifth straight loss, dropping them to 1-7.

"We are grateful to Wade and his contribution to the Cowboys, leading us," Jones said. "We also clearly understand we are not where we want to be at this time, and that's an understatement. We share the responsibility - all of us."

This is the Cowboys' worst season since 1989 and among the worst in franchise history by record alone. Realistically, it's the low point considering Dallas was coming off a division title and a playoff win, and was expected to contend for the Super Bowl that'll be held at Cowboys Stadium.

Phillips' departure takes another dubious spot in club history: the first in-season coaching change.

"An in-season changing is something I was reluctant to consider," Jones said. "I recently addressed the team and my comments with them were very brief and pointed. I told them they should not think this an admission of defeat or finality in this season."

"We have eight games left and we have one goal — to win." The first game under Garrett will be at the New York Giants on Sunday.

"He does have the opportunity to get the job long-term," Jones said. "I do believe Jason has the temperament and disposition to affect a culture change."

"I think this is important. We know men's styles are different. His style, I think is one that can be effective."

In addition to Garrett as interim coach, Paul Pasqualoni has been moved to defensive coordinator.

Just about everything has gone wrong this half-season. The constant has been mindless mistakes: penalties, turnovers and other breakdowns befitting an expansion team, not one of the highest-paid rosters in the NFL. Phillips couldn't get them to snap them out of it. He tried being loyal instead of benching the guys who were underperforming the most. That only seemed to make things worse.

The bottom has fallen out since quarterback Tony Romo broke his left collarbone Oct. 25. Maybe that was to be expected, except that the defense has been the bigger problem.

That unit has allowed at least 35 points in three straight games, something the Cowboys hadn't done since their inaugural season, 1960, when they went 0-11-1. Stranger still, it's almost exactly the same guys who closed last season with the first back-to-back shutouts in club history. This may have been Phillips' undoing because he also was defensive coordinator.

Jones had steadfastly supported Phillips throughout this tailspin, even saying late last week that Phillips would keep the job the rest of the year. The first five losses had all been by a touchdown or less, which showed players were still fighting. But a second straight humiliating loss left Jones with little choice. Something had to change to spark interest in the final eight games.

"I'd change my mind from as late as Saturday. I don't like the way that looks stability-wise, organization-wise," Jones said of a midseason move. "I think it called for it and I recognized after the game that we just weren't playing winning football or our best chance at winning



Dallas Cowboys head coach Wade Phillips argues a call during the first half of an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, in Green Bay, Wis.

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football. I don't apologize for changing my mind."

Garrett's unit hasn't been much better, but he's been viewed as the coach-in-waiting since he was hired — days before Phillips.

Garrett, 44, becomes the first former Cowboys player to become head coach. He was a backup quarterback behind Troy Aikman from 1993-99. He was the quarterbacks coach in Miami in 2005-06 before rejoining the club in 2007. He's had the title of assistant head coach since 2008, when he withdrew from other interviews to remain with the club.

His father was a longtime scout for the Cowboys and he has two brothers on his staff: tight ends coach John and Judd, the director of pro scouting. The 63-year-old Phillips would leave with a 34-22 record over 4 1/2 seasons guiding the Cowboys. He also was 1-2 in the postseason. Dallas won the NFC East twice on his watch.

His career record as a head coach with Dallas, Denver and Buffalo is 79-57, but only 1-5 in the postseason. He had only one losing record in eight full seasons. Counting a 3-4 mark over two stints as an interim coach, Phillips has 82 regular-season wins, matching the total of his father, former Houston and New Orleans coach Bum Phillips.

Phillips' job was shaky after a 44-6 loss to Philadelphia to close the 2008 season kept them out of the playoffs, and again last season when the Cowboys appeared headed toward a collapse in early December and Phillips'

contract was expiring. But they pulled out of it so impressively that Phillips received a contract for this season and next. He's owed at least \$3 million for 2011.

It's quite possible this will be Phillips' final turn as an NFL head coach, although he could resurface as a defensive coordinator, his specialty throughout a 34-year career in pro football.

This year, the defense couldn't stop the run (routinely allowing 100-yard rushers, something they didn't even do once last season) and was helpless against the pass, offering neither a rush nor good coverage.

The offense wasn't clicking even when Romo was healthy. The problems stem from an offensive line that consistently seems overmatched whether it's trying to open holes for running backs or protect the quarterback. The backfield trio of Marion Barber, Felix Barber and Tashard Choice hasn't done much even

when the holes were there. The lasting image of the receivers this season is of balls ricocheting off them and into the hands of defensive players.

Even the special teams have been a disappointment.

Dallas has been solid covering punts, but struggled to stop kickoff returns, another oddity because many of the same guys are on both units. Teams are taking advantage of the weakness, too. When David Buehler booted a kickoff 6 yards deep to start the second half against Green Bay, the Packers returned it anyway — and took it nearly to midfield. The Cowboys have tried nearly every trick in the turnaround handbook — a players-only meeting; an emotional speech from special teams coach Joe DeCamillis about nearly being killed when the team's indoor practice facility collapsed; a speech by Jones last week; a change in practice schedule; and, this past week, a return to fundamentals. □

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Washington Capitals' Mike Green, second from left, celebrates with teammates Nicklas Backstrom, left, of Sweden, Mike Knuble (22) and Alexander Semin (28), of Russia, after scoring the winning goal in overtime during an NHL hockey game against the Philadelphia Flyers, Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010, in Washington. The Capitals won 3-2.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mike Green scored a power-play goal 29 seconds into overtime to give the Washington Capitals a 3-2 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Sunday.

It was Green's fourth goal of the season.

Eric Fehr and Alexander Semin also scored for the Capitals, who moved ahead of Philadelphia into the Eastern Conference lead. Nicklas Backstrom had two assists.

Nikolay Zherdev and Ville Leino scored for Philadelphia, which had its six-game winning streak snapped. The Flyers haven't won seven in a row since January 2002.

Blues 2, Rangers 0

At New York, Ty Conklin made 27 saves for his 15th NHL shutout, and Alexander Steen scored twice as St. Louis stifled yet another opponent by beating the New York Rangers for its seventh straight win.

Conklin, playing in his second game this season, looked every bit as good as No. 1 goalie Jaroslav Halak, who took the night off after beating Boston on Saturday in a shootout. St. Louis shut out the Rangers for the first time in 129 meetings.

It is the Blues' longest winning streak since they ran off nine straight from Oct. 15 to Nov. 5, 2002. St. Louis has allowed only six goals during this run, and posted four shutouts — the previous three by Halak.

Oilers 2, Blackhawks 1

At Chicago, Kurtis Foster

and Sam Gagner scored 14 seconds apart in the third period as Edmonton rallied to beat Chicago.

Nikolai Khabibulin made 26 saves for Edmonton, which improved to 2-2-2 on the road this season and 4-23-3 in its last 30 games away from home dating to December 2009.

Blackhawks star forward Marian Hossa returned after missing five games with a shoulder injury.

Ducks 5, Predators 4

At Anaheim, California, defenseman Paul Mara scored his first goal since February 2009 with 1.7 seconds left as

Anaheim beat Nashville after blowing the lead four times. Saku Koivu had two goals for Anaheim. Teemu Selanne added a goal and an assist, and Lubomir Visnovsky also scored. Jonas Hiller made 20 saves to help the Ducks win their third straight and send the Predators to their fifth consecutive loss.

Patric Hornqvist, Steve Sullivan, Cody Franson and Cal O'Reilly scored for Nashville.

In other NHL action it was Washington 3, Philadelphia 2, OT; St. Louis 2, N.Y. Rangers 0; Edmonton 2, Chicago 1; and Anaheim 5, Nashville 4. □

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Iverson arrives in Istanbul for Turkish stint

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Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Former NBA star Allen Iverson arrived in Istanbul on Monday to begin a stint with Turkish club Besiktas, promising to give fans "something they haven't seen before."

Dozens of fans greeted the 11-time All-Star at Ataturk Airport. Sporting a Besiktas jersey and a Philadelphia Phillies baseball hat, Iverson waved at fans from inside his car before being driven to his hotel.

Iverson, who agreed to a \$4 million, two-year contract with Besiktas, is the Turkish league's biggest signing. He has called his move to the Istanbul club "a chance to get back on track with my basketball career" after no NBA team was willing to offer him a contract this season.

Many see his stint in Turkey as a test of his ability to revive

his NBA career because teams are likely to monitor Iverson's performance and behavior at Besiktas. The guard has said he still believes he can play in the NBA and hopes his performance in Europe will lead to another chance next season.

His career was troubled by numerous run-ins with coaches and team officials. He's also had several legal problems that landed him on probation.

Iverson is expected to make his debut with Besiktas on Nov. 13 when the team plays Oyak Renault at its home arena that seats about 4,500 fans. The club hasn't won the Turkish league since 1975. "They were great," Iverson told NTV sports channel of the cheering Besiktas fans who welcomed him at the airport, adding that "the most important thing is to be accepted, to be wanted and to

be appreciated."

Iverson urged fans to come out and support the team, saying he would be "giving them something they haven't seen before."

The player also said he would be "interacting" with the fans as much as possible.

"Before I leave, I'll be speaking a lot of Turkish," he said.

Iverson is 17th on the NBA's career scoring list with 24,368 points, winning the Most Valuable Player award in 2001 when he led the Philadelphia 76ers to the finals. He spent 10 seasons in Philadelphia before moving to Denver and Detroit, ending up in Memphis last season. He only played three games before returning for a second stint with the Sixers, where he averaged 13.9 points in 25 games. He took a leave of absence toward the end of the season to deal with some family matters.



Former NBA star Allen Iverson is surrounded by cheering supporters of Besiktas at the Ataturk airport in Istanbul, Turkey, Monday, Nov. 8, 2010. Iverson signed a two-year \$4 million contract to play for the Turkish basketball team Besiktas.

Associated Press

Iverson was initially due in Istanbul on Saturday, but his arrival was delayed by two days and a pre-match celebration of his signing at the arena was postponed. Besiktas said a light and music show to welcome Iverson will

take place on Tuesday.

Iverson joins American guard Mire Chatman and Australian center A.J. Ogilvy on the Besiktas squad. The rest of the team is made up of players from Turkey, Russia and other Eastern European nations. □



Cyclist Alberto Contador of Spain, 2nd right, and Ivan Basso of Italy, right, before the start of the Criterium cycling race in Oviedo, Spain Saturday Oct. 30, 2010. Contador who is attending the race as a spectator, is provisionally suspended by the UCI after testing positive for the banned drug clenbuterol and could lose his Tour de France title.

Associated Press

GRAHAM DUNBAR

AP Sports Writer

GENEVA (AP) — Tour de France winner Alberto Contador is set to be formally investigated for doping during this year's race.

The International Cycling Union said Monday it had asked the Spanish cycling federation (RFEC) to open a case against the 27-year-old rider who tested positive for banned anabolic agent clenbuterol in the final week of his third Tour victory in

July.

The RFEC said in a statement it had received the UCI's request and would follow all established protocols in order to "investigate and resolve all the issues arising from the doping control that was carried out on the cyclist."

If found guilty, Contador would be stripped of the Tour victory and banned for up to two years.

Contador denies doping and says the clenbuterol, which can be used to burn fat and

Contador faces formal doping investigation

build muscle, came from contaminated meat that he ate. His spokesman Jacinto Vidarte welcomed confirmation that a case was being opened.

"If this is the news then it means we're on the way to resolving this issue," Vidarte said. "Now it will be time to either sanction or resolve Alberto of the matter."

Contador has threatened to quit the sport, regardless of the outcome of the doping investigation. "Until the end of the proceedings and despite his provisional suspension, Alberto Contador still benefits from a presumption of innocence," the UCI said in a statement on Monday.

The UCI announced in September that Contador had been provisionally suspended after his urine sample taken on the July 21 rest day contained "very small" traces of the banned substance. It then

asked WADA for "scientific support" before proceeding.

"At the end of a long and meticulous inquiry entrusted to highly qualified, WADA-accredited experts, and considering all the information currently in its possession, the UCI has concluded that disciplinary proceedings should be opened against Alberto Contador," the UCI's statement said.

"For additional safety, considering the very low concentration (of clenbuterol) detected, the UCI continued scientific investigations in collaboration with WADA. In particular, it conducted a series of new analyses on all the blood and urine samples taken from the rider in the period in question."

The UCI did not call for Contador to be investigated over alleged high levels of plastic residue found

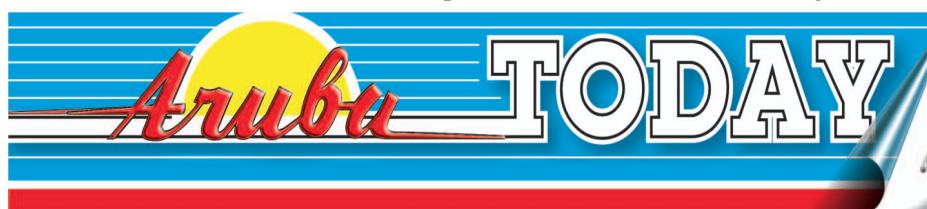
in his race urine sample, which scientists believe can indicate a rider has received a transfusion of his own blood. Though the UCI tests riders at the Tour, national authorities have responsibility to prosecute doping cases.

If the Spanish federation decides to clear Contador, the UCI and WADA can appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Contador won the Tour riding for the Kazakh-backed Astana team, then signed a contract with the Danish Saxo Bank SunGard team.

On Sunday, Saxo Bank team owner Bjarne Riis said in a newspaper interview he believed Contador would be cleared of any doping suspicion.

Riis won the 1996 Tour de France then admitted after retiring that he used the banned drug EPO at the time. □



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European golf keeps building on biggest year

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SHANGHAI (AP) — The U.S. PGA Tour continues to shortchange the one World Golf Championship held outside the United States by only offering a three-year exemption to the winner if he is a member of the American-based tour.

One person who didn't seem the least bit bothered was Francesco Molinari, the Italian who won the HSBC Champions.

"I'm a European Tour member," Molinari said with a shrug. "I'm proud to be a European Tour golfer, and it's a great moment for European golf, and I'm really happy to give my contribution to that. Honestly, going to the States, it's not really part of my plans at the moment. I'm happy to consider it a European Tour win."

At the trophy presentation in near darkness on the 18th green at Sheshan International, Molinari was announced as the winner of a \$1.2 million check.

That translates to just over 850,000 euros, enough to move him to No. 4 in the Race to Dubai, giving him an outside chance depending on how he fares this week in Singapore.

It used to be that beating the best field in golf, whether it was a major or a World Golf Championship, was essentially a free pass to the PGA Tour. Now it's a matter of whether Europeans want to

go, much less need to.

Lee Westwood, the new No. 1 in the world ranking, tried a full PGA Tour schedule about five years ago and it didn't work for him. He added tournaments just to meet the minimum requirement of 15 events, and found himself going through the motions at times. Westwood played Las Vegas in 2005 to meet his number.

"That's why I don't join anymore," Westwood said.

PGA champion Martin Kaymer, eligible for a five-year exemption by winning a major, is said to be leaning against PGA Tour membership, even though his girlfriend is from Arizona and the German spent much of his time there before he became a veritable star.

The way this year has gone for Europe, its players can find plenty of competition at home.

Europeans did so well on the PGA Tour this year, with seven players winning eight times, that British agent Chubby Chandler quipped midway through the season that the Tournament of Champions in Kapalua "is going to be like a European Tour event."

One benefit for Europe when it began its "Race to Dubai" bonus program was attracting international stars, and it got the interest of Geoff Ogilvy, Anthony Kim, Camilo Villegas, Rory Sabbatini and several others. It was easy to meet the minimum of 12 tournaments because seven



Francesco Molinari of Italy, right, looks while Lee Westwood of Britain, left, rubs his head during the prize presentation of the Shanghai HSBC Champions golf tournament at the Sheshan International Golf Club in Shanghai, China Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010. Molinari won the HSBC Champion.

Associated Press

could be knocked through majors and WGCs before the Dubai World Championship. Last month, however, the European Tour tournament committee decided to increase the minimum to 13 events. In a separate matter, it denied Kim a medical exemption despite the American missing three months after surgery on his thumb.

To some, the increase was seen as Europe closing its door to outsiders. For others, it was good business. Europe needs its members to play more at home to accommodate sponsors in a tough economy. David Howell, who is on the committee but made it clear he

was not speaking on behalf of it, wondered whether Europe needed U.S. tour members to make its circuit stronger.

For every rising star on the PGA Tour — Dustin Johnson, Hunter Mahan, Jason Day, Rickie Fowler or Kim — Europe has just as many in Kaymer, Rory McIlroy, Alvaro Quiros, the Molinari brothers (Francesco and Edoardo) and Matteo Manassero, the 17-year-old Italian who two weeks ago became Europe's youngest winner.

Molinari is eligible for Kapalua, but not PGA Tour membership. He cannot even apply the money toward a tour card through non-member

earnings if they were equal to No. 125 on the money list.

A big reason for the PGA Tour not treating the HSBC Champions equal to the other WGCs is that less than half of the 78-man field has tour membership. At the other stroke-play WGCs in America, PGA Tour members accounted for at least two-thirds of the field.

"I can understand if we weren't playing a strong field," Ben Crane said. "But I think if you can win a tournament like this — whoever you are — it doesn't matter. You've done something pretty special. I think this should count for everything." □

ATP FINALS

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He has played in 33 of the past 35 Masters 1000 tournaments.

"It's disappointing not to be able to play here," said Nadal, whose best result at the Paris Masters is a finalist spot three years ago. "It's the last Masters 1000 of the year and for sure one of my favorites in the world. It was not an easy decision but I played all others Masters 1000 and all Grand Slams this season."

The Spaniard added he is determined to "play well in London on the most difficult surface for me, where it will be difficult for me to win."

Nadal was eliminated in the round robin phase at last year's ATP Finals after losing

his three matches without winning a single set.

"I will have a special motivation, and I'm going to give everything I can to play well here," Nadal said. "I want to improve the image of last year. I'll try to win."

Nadal, who has not played since a third-round defeat to Jurgen Melzer at the Shanghai Masters on Oct 14, recently said he was feeling some fatigue from his successful season. But the Spaniard doesn't think changing his schedule would improve things.

"Playing less is almost impossible if you want to stay on top," Nadal said. "After that, I think you can change a few things, but not many. It worked well for me in 2010 and I will more or less try to stick to the same program next year." □



Spanish tennis champion Rafael Nadal during a press conference at the Paris Tennis Masters tournament, Monday, Nov. 8, 2010. Nadal has decided not participate to the tournament due to a shoulder injury.

Associated Press

Broadband usage growing even as gaps persist

By JOELLE TESSLER,

AP Technology Writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. still faces a significant gap in residential broadband use that breaks down along incomes, education levels and other socio-economic factors, even as subscriptions among American households overall grew sevenfold from 2001 to 2009.

What's more, even when controlling for key socio-economic characteristics, the U.S. continues to confront a racial gap in residential broadband use, with non-Hispanic white Americans and Asian-Americans more likely to go online using a

high-speed connection than African-Americans and Hispanics.

Those are some of the key conclusions of a new analysis of Census data released Monday by the Commerce Department.

It found that the percentage of households that connect to the Internet using broadband grew to 63.5 percent in 2009 from 9.2 percent in 2001, reflecting increases across nearly all demographics.

The report — prepared by the Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Economics and Statistics



The Amazon homepage appears on a screen in Washington on September 2010. Amazon folded Diapers.com into its online retail empire on Monday, picking up the baby care product's operator Quidsi Inc. for \$45 million dollars.

Amazon to buy Diapers.com owner Quidsi for \$500M

NEW YORK — Expanding its online retail empire, Amazon.com Inc. said Monday it is buying Quidsi, the owner of Diapers.com and Soap.com, for \$500 million in cash.

Amazon said Quidsi will continue to operate independently after the acquisition, which is expected to close in December. Amazon plans assume about \$45 million in debt and other obligations as part of the deal, which has been approved by Quidsi's shareholders.

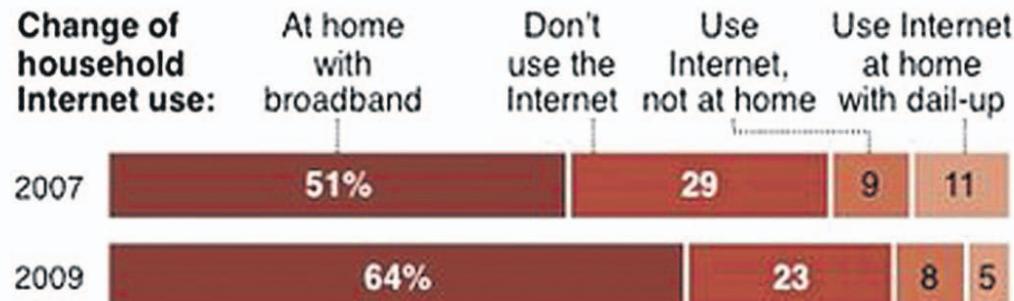
Soap.com sells health, beauty and cleaning products online, while Diapers.com sells baby-care items, including food and maternity wear. And Quidsi recently launched BeautyBar.com, which sells higher-end skin care, makeup and other products online.

The deal "positions Amazon to dominate the baby category," said Cowen and Co. analyst Jim Friedland in a note to investors. Quidsi, he added, is expected to generate \$300 million of revenue in 2010, up 67 percent year-over-year.

The acquisition of Quidsi "will help Amazon become a category killer in the baby segment," Friedland wrote. "In our view — and this is coming from a dad with a 9-week-old — Diapers.com has been beating Amazon at its own game in the nonapparel baby category." Diapers.com usually has better selection, better stock levels and lower prices, he said. The acquisition thus eliminates a key rival, and "prevents online and offline rivals from buying the asset to compete more aggressively in the baby category," Friedland said. □

High-speed Internet use increases

The share of U.S. households subscribing to broadband Internet services rose to 64 percent in 2009, increasing by one-fourth since 2007.



SOURCE: Commerce Department

AP

Graphic shows increase of broadband Internet use since

Administration — is based on a Census survey of about 54,000 households conducted in October 2009.

The new study provides some of the deepest analysis yet of broadband usage trends in the United States. And it is likely to help guide Congress and the Federal Communications Commission as they develop policies to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable high-speed Internet service.

The analysis, said Lawrence Strickling, head of the NTIA, shows that "there is no single solution" to make this happen. Among the major findings:

- 94.1 percent of households with income exceeding \$100,000 subscribed to broadband in 2009, compared with 35.8 percent of households with income of less than \$25,000.
- 84.5 percent of households with at least one college degree subscribed to broadband last year, compared with 28.8 percent of households without a high school degree.
- 77.3 percent of Asian-American households and 68 percent of non-Hispanic white households subscribed to broadband last year, compared with 49.4 percent of African-American households and 47.9 percent of Hispanic households.
- 65.9 percent of urban households subscribed to broadband in 2009, compared with 51 percent of rural households.

One surprising finding of the new Commerce Department report is that African-Americans and Hispanics lag behind in broadband adoption even when controlling for factors such as income and education. The data show a gap of 10 percentage points in broadband use between whites and blacks and a gap of 14 percentage points between whites and Hispanics even after controlling for socio-economic factors.

Although the data do not provide an explanation for these numbers, Rebecca Blank, under secretary for Economic Affairs, believes it could reflect limited exposure to the Internet among certain racial groups.

"Internet usage relies on networks," she said. "If the people around you don't use the Internet, you will be less likely to use the Internet, too." The margin of sampling error for the aggregate 2009 data is plus or minus 0.3 percentage points, with higher or lower sampling errors for questions involving subgroups.

Closing gaps in broadband use is a top priority for the FCC, which released a sweeping national broadband plan filled with policy proposals in March. The agency's top recommendations include tapping the federal program that subsidizes telephone service for poor and rural Americans to pay for broadband, and unleashing more airwaves for wireless

connections.

Wireless broadband is seen as a particularly attractive option for bringing high-speed service to rural areas that may be too sparsely populated to justify costly landline networks.

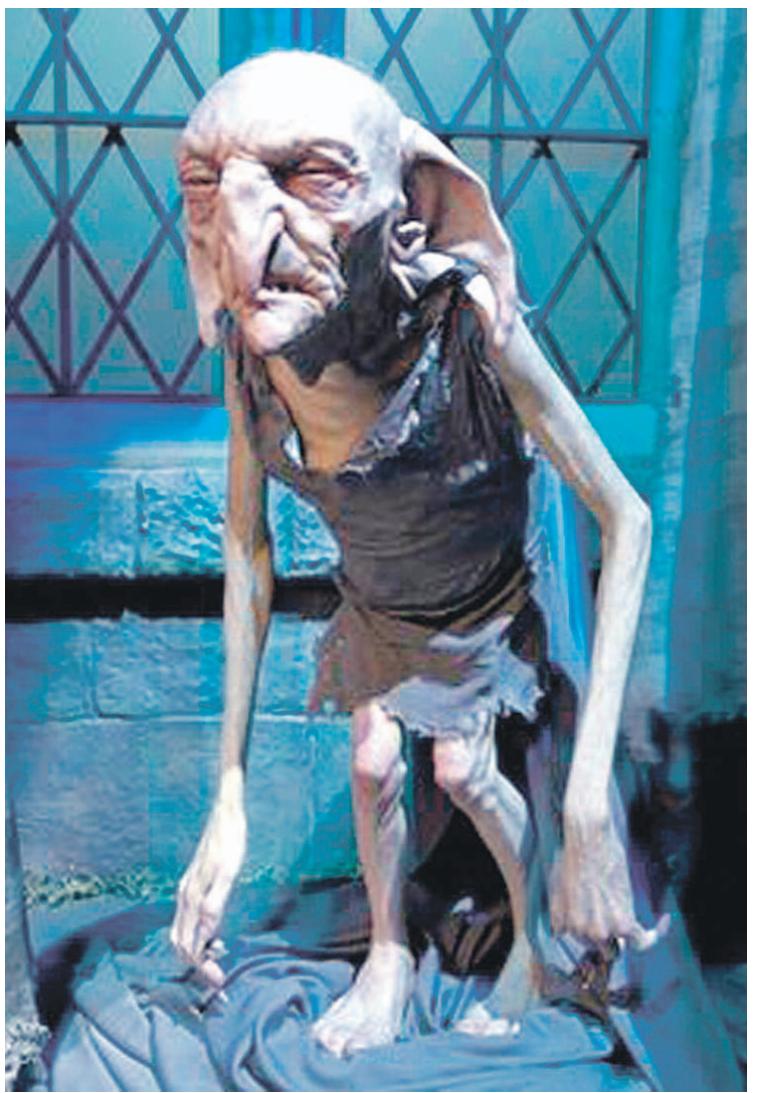
"The digital divide is an opportunity divide — if you can't get online, you can't compete in the digital economy," FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski said in a statement reacting to the new Commerce Department report. "Connecting America to fast, affordable Internet will create 21st Century jobs that grow our economy and secure our global leadership."

At the same time, the NTIA and the Rural Utilities Service, part of the Agriculture Department, have been handing out roughly \$7 billion in stimulus money to pay for new broadband networks and programs to get more Americans online.

Strickling stressed that one key challenge for policymakers lies in convincing Americans who are not online of the benefits of broadband.

The Census data found that 38 percent of Americans who don't have broadband at home say they don't subscribe because they don't need it, while 26 percent say it's too expensive and only 4 percent say it's not available where they live.

A survey conducted by the FCC last year reached many of the same conclusions. □



This undated image provided by Warner Bros. Entertainment via the Pacific Science Center shows Kreacher, the Black family house-elf, as seen in Grimmauld Place in 'Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix,' part of 'Harry Potter: The Exhibition.' The exhibition is a showcase filled with the imagery evoked in J.K. Rowling's seven-part series about an orphan named Harry who discovers he is part of a mostly hidden magical world.

(AP Photo)

Warner Bros to buy Harry Potter studio in England

LONDON — The U.S.-based entertainment company Warner Bros announced on Monday plans to buy and expand the English studios where the Harry Potter films are made.

Warner Bros said it will invest roughly 100 million pounds (\$161 million) in a major expansion of the Leavesden Studios. Chairman and chief executive Barry Meyer said the investment will give Warner Bros a full-time production base in Britain. "For 86 years, Warner Bros has been intrinsically involved in film production in the U.K.," he said. "Our multimillion-pound investment in creating a state-of-the-art, permanent U.K. film production base further demonstrates our long-term commitment to, and confidence in, the skills and creativity of the UK film industry."

The purchase price was not announced. Further details are expected to be released Wednesday. The enlargement program is set for completion in 2012.

The studio has been used for production of all the Harry Potter movies and other recent hits, including "The Dark Knight" and "Inception."

Leavesden Studios is based at a former airfield where aircraft were built during World War II and shortly afterward. It was later used by Rolls-Royce for the construction of airplane engines.

The studio is near Watford, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) northwest of London. □

Michael Jackson's children recall pop star father



In this photo taken Oct. 9, 2010 and provided by Harpo Productions Inc., talk-show host Oprah Winfrey, left, is seen with the Jacksons, during an interview with Katherine Jackson, second from left, mother of the late pop star Michael Jackson, in a taping of 'The Oprah Winfrey Show' in Encino, Calif. Looking on are Joe Jackson, Michael's father, and Michael's three children from left, Prince, Paris and Blanket. The show airs nationally Monday, Nov. 8, 2010.

(AP Photo/Harpo Productions Inc., Robin Slayton)

By TAMMY WEBBER,
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Michael Jackson's children and mother said on Monday's episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" that they're still learning to cope with his death a year and a half after the pop star overdosed on a powerful anesthetic.

Jackson's oldest children, 13-year-old Prince and 12-year-old Paris, said they are adjusting well to private school, although their younger brother, Blanket, 8, is still home-schooled. The children have been living with grandmother Katherine Jackson, who is their guardian, since their father's death in June 2009.

In the pre-taped interview, Katherine Jackson said Blanket, whose given name is Prince Michael Jackson II, is shy but now wants to attend school next year, when he'll be in fourth grade.

The children were taped in the Jackson's back yard with several cousins and spoke about their memories of their father.

Prince, whose birth name is Michael Joseph Jackson Jr., said he and his father often

walked the beach early in the morning drinking Coca Cola and eating Skittles or Snickers. Paris said he took her to art museums and was "the best cook ever."

Katherine Jackson said she wants to give the children as normal a childhood as possible, and is more lenient than her son was — including when he made the children wear veils in public.

Paris said the veils weren't always comfortable but that they wore them so "when we went out without our dad nobody would really recognize us," and she appreciated that he was trying to protect them. "I think no one understands what a good father he was," Paris said.

Katherine Jackson also told Winfrey that she believes her son was addicted to plastic surgery, and once even asked his surgeon to pretend that he'd operated on Jackson's nose if he ever asked for another surgery. She said she was concerned that his nose kept getting smaller and that it looked "like a toothpick at one time."

She said her son was insecure about his looks, and "one day made up his mind to get his

nose done."

Jackson's father, Joe Jackson, also appeared in a brief interview with his wife and denied to Winfrey that he had beaten his children, as Michael Jackson had told Winfrey in a 1993 interview. But when prodded by his wife, who said "you might as well admit it," Joe Jackson acknowledged whipping them with a strap to keep them out of trouble.

Joe and Katherine Jackson also denied that they had ever filed for divorce, though Joe Jackson — who in an interview last year blamed his wife for their son's death — said he thinks his wife "is too easy with people ... just like Michael."

Michael Jackson physician Conrad Murray is charged with involuntary manslaughter for allegedly improperly administering a mixture of sedatives, including the anesthetic propofol, in an attempt to get the chronic insomniac to sleep. Murray has pleaded not guilty.

Last month, Jackson's brother Randy complained about the interview in a series of posts on Twitter, saying he disagreed with his parents allowing the interview. □

BUSINESS

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Stocks fall as rally runs out of steam

By DAVID K. RANDALL,
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Writer

NEW YORK – Stocks pulled back Monday as the dollar rose and traders retreated from a rally that brought indexes to their highest levels since the peak of the financial crisis in September 2008.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 43.75, or 0.4 percent, to 11,400.33 in afternoon trading. It had surged 2.9 percent last week after the Federal Reserve

announced a \$600 billion stimulus package for the U.S. economy.

The Standard and Poor's 500 index fell 3.84, or 0.3 percent, to 1,222.01. The Nasdaq composite index slid 0.12, or less than 0.1 percent, to 2,578.86, after trading higher earlier in the day.

Financial companies were down the most among the 10 industry groups that make up the S&P 500 index. Technology, energy and materials companies were the

only groups in the index to show meager gains.

"Today is shaping up to be a modest sell-off and that's to be expected," said Barnaby Levin, a managing director at HighTower Advisors.

Stocks have risen in recent weeks on better-than-expected corporate earnings reports and the introduction of a bond-buying program by the Federal Reserve that is intended to stimulate the economy by driving interest rates lower and encouraging spending.



In this Nov. 3, 2010 photo, specialists Anthony Sherman, left, and Bernard Wheeler work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

US issues new security rules for air cargo

By EILEEN SULLIVAN,
Associated Press

WASHINGTON – New U.S. security rules are in place banning all cargo from Yemen and Somalia and prohibiting toner and ink cartridges weighing more than one pound from passenger flights, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Monday.

The new rules are a direct response to the thwarted terror plot that could have taken down two cargo planes over the U.S. last month. Terrorists in Yemen had hidden two powerful bombs inside printers and shipped them to addresses in Chicago.

As the packages made their way to the U.S., Saudi Arabia tipped off intelligence officials to the plot, providing the FedEx and UPS tracking numbers that allowed officials to pinpoint where the packages were en route. "The threats of terrorism we face are serious and evolving, and these security measures reflect our commitment to using current intelligence to stay ahead of adversaries," Napolitano said in a statement.

The U.S. immediately banned cargo from Yemen after the bombs were intercepted. Other countries including England and Germany - which the bombs traveled through - followed suit.

Somalia was added to the U.S. ban, despite a lack of intelligence pointing to a similar plot to detonate bombs on cargo planes, said a senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly. The official said the terrorist group in Somalia, al-Shabaab, has said it intends to attack the U.S., just as al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula has stated and tried to do.

Britain is also banning all cargo from Somalia as well as large printer cartridges transported by air.

Besides the bans, high risk cargo will no longer be allowed to fly on passenger planes, Napolitano said, without elaborating what constitutes high risk. Until now, the U.S. has required that high risk cargo be screened before it's loaded onto U.S.-bound passenger planes.

Some printer ink and toner cartridges weighing more than a pound shipped internationally will also be banned from flying to the U.S., but Napolitano and the senior administration official did not say which toner and ink shipments would be banned. The senior administration official instead pointed to the ban on all cargo from Somalia and Yemen. The new rules also include extra screening for all high risk cargo, which could include physically opening a package and inspecting it, explosive detection and X-rays, the official said. How a high risk package is screened will be left up to the company or the country, he said.

About 30 percent of air cargo shipped to the U.S. is shipped on passenger planes, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

Analysts warn that the cost of screening every piece of air cargo in a bid to prevent terrorists from downing airliners might bankrupt international shipping companies, hobble already weakened airlines and still not provide full protection.

On Monday, European Union interior ministers established a panel to review a proposed plan to tighten air cargo security that would include blacklisting high-risk airports that are deemed to have inadequate security measures. □

The dollar rose 0.7 percent against a broad basket of currencies. That's a negative for big U.S. companies like Caterpillar Inc. that do a lot of business overseas, since a higher dollar makes their products more expensive in other countries. Caterpillar was off 1.1 percent, and Boeing Co., another big exporter, was off 1.9 percent, making it the biggest loser among the 30 companies that make up the Dow.

Hewlett-Packard's 1.7 percent gain made it the best performing company among the 30 stocks that make up the Dow, followed by Bank of America Corp. and Cisco Systems Inc.

The euro fell 1.1 percent from recent highs, in part on renewed concerns about the debt burdens of the weaker economies among countries that use the Euro. Ireland announced Thursday that it would raise taxes and seek additional cuts in government services to rein in its deficit.

Yields on 10-year Irish bonds rose sharply in response. U.S. markets had swooned this spring over concerns that a fiscal crisis in Greece would spread to Portugal, Spain and

other weak economies in the euro zone.

Prices for Treasury bonds rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury bond fell slightly to 2.52 percent, from 2.53 percent late Friday.

St. Louis Fed President James Bullard defended the central bank's stimulus program in a meeting at the New York Society of Security Analysts. Bullard said that the pace of economic recovery had slowed, which made deflation, rather than inflation, a greater concern for the Fed. "U.S. policy should strive to avoid the possibility of a Japanese-style deflation," he said.

Japan's economy has stalled since its stock market peaked in the early 1990s. In deflation, banks curtail lending, consumers drastically cut back on spending and corporations hoard cash out of fears that prices will continue to fall.

Traders will get a better indication of consumer spending later in the week as several major retailers announce earnings. Kohl's Corp., Macy's Inc. and J.C. Penny Co. Inc. will release their third-quarter earnings starting Wednesday. □

HEALTH

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Kids of Deployed Soldiers May Face More Mental Health Woes

By Maureen Salamon

Mental and behavioral problems cause children of U.S. soldiers deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and other war zones to need considerably more outpatient medical visits than those with non-deployed parents, a new study suggests. Researchers examined the medical records of more than 640,000 military children between the ages of 3 and 8, and found that those separated from deployed parents sought treatment 11 percent more often for cases of mood, anxiety and adjustment disorders. Visits for conditions such as autism and attention-deficit disorder, whose causes are not linked to deployment, also increased.

The study, reported online Nov. 8 and in the December issue of the journal *Pediatrics*, also revealed larger increases in mental and behavioral visits among older children, children with military fathers and children of married military parents.

"It's statistically significant, but I also think it's clinically significant," said lead researcher Dr. Gregory Gorman, an assistant professor of pediatrics at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md. "These are also probably the worst cases."

Gorman said he was surprised to find that while these types of medical visits went up, the rates of visits for all other medical conditions dropped. "I have no direct evidence, but we hypothesize that when a parent is deployed . . . and the other parent has to do all of the duties, they may want to handle other problems at home," Gorman said. "These parents who remain at home need to multi-task even more."

Gorman and his team studied



U.S. soldiers carry a wounded Afghan prisoner to a helicopter during a Medevac flight in southern Afghanistan's Helmand province November 7, 2010.

records of children of active duty personnel during 2006 and 2007 that were linked with their parent's deployment records. Children from ages 3 to 8 were chosen in part because they were at the developmental stage in which Gorman had observed an increase in behavioral concerns at his pediatric practice.

Children of deployed military face numerous stressors, including frequent moves, prolonged parental absences and the risk of a parent's death, the study noted. Beyond that, the multiple, successive deployments many soldiers have faced in recent years hits their children especially hard, said Rick Olson, a retired Army general and director of strategic communications for the Child, Adolescent and Family Behavioral Health Proprietary in Fort Lewis, Wash.

"There are statistics that show how multiple and extended deployments are causing increased problems in terms of the behavioral health

of our kids," said Olson, whose organization supports behavioral health care for military children and their families. "We hear that all the time from our commanders." "Those kids are growing up . . . without a family member, so that causes a lot of problems," Olson added. "The re-integration process gets harder every time, because the kids get used to the parent not being there, and when they come back, they interrupt patterns that have been set. And then mom or dad leaves again."

In Gorman's study, the most frequent primary diagnosis during mental and behavioral health visits was attention-deficit disorder (ADD). Adjustment and autistic disorders came next, while farther down the list were mood and anxiety disorders, oppositional defiant disorder, developmental delays, post-traumatic stress disorder, bedwetting and separation anxiety.

In the cases of ADD and autism, Gorman thinks outpatient visits increased

because those conditions may worsen during the deployed parent's absence and/or become harder to manage for the remaining parent.

Finding that visits rose among children with deployed fathers, Gorman believes that in many families the mother "might be the primary caregiver and might be more attuned to the children's behaviors and changes, subtle as they may be," he said.

Children of single military parents, who had lower rates of mental and behavioral visits during their parent's deployment, usually stay with relatives or others, Gorman said. Their visits may have dropped, he noted, because guardians didn't know how to access health care for the child or were not familiar with the child's normal behavior, making changes harder to detect.

There have been 5,473 American casualties and 38,076 service members wounded in action from October 2001 to May 2010, the study noted. Among

children whose parents are in combat areas, the ever-present fear of them being killed is particularly hard to bear, Olson said. He noted that Gen. George W. Casey Jr., chief of staff of the Army, is focusing on reducing multiple, successive tours of duty among soldiers because he understands their dramatic impact on family members.

"The Army can make [the deployment process] more predictable so that parents have an opportunity to work with their kids, prepare them for deployment, to know when they're leaving and when they're coming back," Olson said. "When we're talking about kids, it's a ticking time bomb effect. The problems are building, but they don't become critical until they get down the road a bit. So it's not just now when the wars are on, it's five to 10 years from now."

Gorman said he hopes his research will raise awareness among pediatricians and other health professionals serving children, since it may not be obvious that their young patients -- who could be seeking care for routine issues such as ear infections and the like -- are under stress from a parent's deployment.

About 65 percent of mental and behavioral health services for military children are provided by civilian pediatricians and other professionals, the study found.

"One of the routine questions we ask children is, 'Do you have a parent deployed right now?'" Gorman said. In the study, he noted that this should be followed up with: "How are you feeling?" This simple step, he said, "should help [pediatricians] to anticipate, screen and ask about it so they can help parents know what to expect." □

The Arabs' worst enemy: themselves

By Walter Rodgers

News reports that Iraq is increasingly turning away from Washington and toward Iran for advice on forming a new government are disheartening. They tend to confirm earlier warnings that Tehran would be the major beneficiary after the US invasion of Iraq.

Couple that with a Brookings Institution poll showing that Arab optimism about US policy in the Middle East has dropped from 51 percent to only 16 percent, and it reminds us that the first decade of the 21st century has been a pretty sorry one for American interests in the region.

One might have at least expected some applause and gratitude from the Arab street after President Obama ordered an end to US combat operations in Muslim Iraq.

RELATED OPINION: Two faces of the Arab street Instead, it was met with sullen silence. An Arab journalist friend explained, "Arabs are always angry. They always look for the bad and then harp on it."

Misperceptions and mental rigidity Much of the responsibility for what has gone wrong in the past decade lies as much with misperceptions and mental rigidity on the Arab street as with US policy failings.

A small vignette is illustrative. First recall the Muslim world's early infatuation with Barack Obama. After all, his middle name is Hussein, the same as the prophet Muhammad's grandson.

Recently a group of Arab journalists was at the White House when Egyptian

President Hosni Mubarak was speaking. The US president had a tiny, wireless receiver in his ear, giving Obama an instant, simultaneous translation of Mr. Mubarak's remarks. The Arab journalists became quite excited, mistakenly believing Obama really understood Arabic because he was nodding his head. They wanted to believe he was one of them.

In a small way, the incident illustrates how unrealistic are Arab perceptions of the world, and of the United States and its president. When educated Arabs grasp at such flimsy straws, we should recognize a cultural mind-set that helps explain why the US effort to democratize, reshape, and modernize the Arab Middle East by occupying and nation-building in Iraq faltered miserably.

Eight months after elections in Iraq, politicians in Baghdad still haven't formed a government, as rival sectarian groups fear losing power. Prominent Iraqi Arabs have proved themselves little more than dithering and incompetent complainers, neither proactive nor positive even when it is in their own interest.

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The Arab blame game Bernard Lewis, the renowned Princeton scholar of Islam, has called attention to the Arab tendency to play "the blame game."

He notes Arabs traditionally blamed the Mongols, the Ottoman Turks, the colonial powers, and now the Jews and the Americans for everything that has gone awry in their once proud and accomplished history.

When I question Arabs about this, I find they generally hide behind the mantra, "If only we were better Muslims and followed the Quran, we would do better." But that becomes a self-set mental trap, excusing any original thought about the need to determine their own destiny.

Last year's United Nations Arab Human Development Report suggested the Arab peoples tend to place too much trust in "institutions rooted in primordial loyalties, notably kinship, clanism and religion." Overcoming them, the report concluded, "is an essential condition for strengthening human security in the Arab countries."

Obsession with Israel So is overcoming the Arab obsession with Israel – the belief that the Jewish state is the root cause of Arab troubles.

Arabs lament that billions in US aid give the Israeli military an insurmountable advantage. But they disingenuously forget that American dollars also keep the lights on – and governments running – in a host of Arab and Muslim lands, from Egypt and Jordan to Pakistan and the Palestinian territories.

On a recent flight, my seatmate was a bright Kuwaiti graduate student named Ammar Bahman. I posed this question to him: "If Israel were erased completely from the map, would Arabs resolve their own difficulties?"

"No," he said. "They will always fight among themselves for money and power. They are very

corrupt."

His honesty was refreshing. He seemed to understand that too often Arabs are their own worst enemy – and that until this changes, little else will change.

Esteemed Jordanian journalist Rami Khouri caught the essence of the Arab dilemma when he cited a kind of cultural schizophrenia he described as "a strange combination of self-assertion and reliance on foreign actors." While Arabs indulge in rage and rhetoric, the hard-nosed Iranians – who are Persians, not Arabs – are building a sphere of influence from Kabul to the Mediterranean. With credibility, Iranian leaders now proclaim themselves the new saviors of the Islamic Middle East, committed to restoring dignity and justice to the Arab world under the rubric of a new Persian empire.

The historic irony is inescapable, and it is a clear consequence of growing Iranian power abhorring an Arab vacuum. □



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Where's the Gulf oil? In the food web, study says

By SETH BORENSTEIN,
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Scientists say they have for the first time tracked how certain nontoxic elements of oil from the BP spill quickly became dinner for plankton, entering the food web in the Gulf of Mexico.

The new study sheds light on two key questions about the aftermath of the 172 million-gallon spill in April: What happened to the oil that once covered the water's surface and will it work its way into the diets of Gulf marine life? "Everybody is making a huge deal of where did the oil go," said chief study author William "Monty" Graham, a plankton expert at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab in Alabama. "It just became food."

The study didn't specifically track the toxic components of the oil that has people worried. It focused on the way the basic element carbon moved through the beginnings of the all-important food web. Graham said the "eye-opening" speed of how the oil components moved through the ecosystem may affect the overall health of the Gulf. Michael Crosby of the Mote Marine Laboratory in Florida didn't take part in the study but said what fascinated him was that the carbon zipped through the food web faster than scientists expected. That in itself isn't alarming, but if the nontoxic part of the oil is



In this Oct. 14, 2010 picture, an oil-covered crab crawls on a glove worn by Plaquemines Parish coastal zone director P.J. Hahn in Bay Jimmy near the Louisiana coast. Six months after the rig explosion that led to the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history, damage to the Gulf of Mexico can be measured more in increments than extinctions, say scientists polled by The Associated Press. The scientists saw a hit for the region's wetlands, an already weakened massive natural incubator for shrimp, crabs, oysters and fish.

moving so rapidly through the food web, Crosby asks: "What has happened to the toxic compounds of the released oil?"

Graham said it was too hard to study the toxins in tiny plankton, which are plant and animal life, usually microscopic. So he had to go with an indicator that's easier to track: the ratio of different types of carbon in microbes and plankton around and even under the BP oil slick. That important ratio jumped 20 percent, showing oil in the food web.

By late September the carbon ratios in microscopic life had returned to normal, Graham

said.

Graham emphasized that the results of his research don't mean the plankton, the fish that feed on it or the people who eat Gulf seafood are at any risk. What he found, he said, is merely a biomarker that shows the movement of spill-related carbon through the food chain. Much of the plankton he studied was "swimming around and doing great" and in equal or higher numbers than before the spill, he said. Graham's study, released Monday, is published in Environmental Research Letters. It was mostly funded by the National Science Foundation, with additional

(AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

money from the state of Alabama and BP's Gulf Research Initiative, which distributed money through the Northern Gulf Institute in Mississippi.

For Graham it's noteworthy how voracious the oil-munching bacteria were: "The microbes came to the rescue." After they snacked on the surface oil, other microscopic sea life ate the microbes and were, in turn, chomped on by zooplankton, tiny animals.

Larry McKinney, director of a Gulf research institute at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi, said the study confirms what scientists had expected. □

Brain Scans Reveal Difference Between Neanderthals and Us

Charles Q. Choi

Neanderthal newborns had similar brains to human infants, though just after birth stark changes began to set in, so that by 1 year old the two children would've had very different noggin's and may have even viewed the world differently, researchers now say.

These new findings could shed light on how our closest extinct relatives might have thought differently than us, and reveal details about the evolution of our brain.

Past studies of Neanderthal skulls revealed their brains were comparable in size to ours. This suggested they might have possessed mental capabilities similar to modern humans.

Still, the brains of adult Neanderthals were a different shape than ours - theirs were less globular and more elongated. This elongated shape was actually the norm for more than 2 million years of human evolution, and is seen in chimpanzees as well.

Comparing scans

To learn more about when differences in brain shape first started appearing in development, researchers created virtual imprints of 11 Neanderthal brains, including a newborn, based on CT scans of their skulls.

The brains of newborn Neanderthals and human infants are about the same size, and both had relatively elongated braincases, likely to help fit through the birth canal, which is roughly similar in shape in both species. After birth, however, and especially in the first year of life, our brains and theirs start to diverge, with those of modern humans becoming more globular.

"I was surprised to see how strong that difference was, even though modern humans and Neanderthals are so closely related, and the genetic differences are so minor," researcher Philipp Gunz, a paleoanthropologist at Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology at Leipzig, Germany, told LiveScience. □

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Indígenas protestan por reconocimiento de tierras en Venezuela

CARACAS (AP) - Activistas y dirigentes indígenas marcharon el lunes en el centro de Caracas para exigir al gobierno del presidente Hugo Chávez el reconocimiento y delimitación de sus tierras ancestrales.

Más de un centenar de manifestantes, algunos vestidos con atuendos indígenas y con los rostros pintados, marcharon desde la

céntrica Plaza Bolívar hasta la sede de la Vicepresidencia para demandar el respeto de sus derechos.

Voceando algunas consignas tales como "los indios unidos jamás serán vencidos" e "indio sin tierra es indio muerto", los indígenas recorrieron de forma pacífica algunas calles del centro de la capital.

Algunos de los manifestantes afirmaron que la ausencia de

delimitación le ha facilitado a los ganaderos y mineros ilegales la invasión de las tierras de los indígenas. Asimismo, algunos dirigentes y activistas señalaron que no quieren la presencia de puestos militares en sus tierras.

Nilda Moraleda, una indígena de 53 años de la etnia warao, dijo que muchos apoyan a Chávez pero que han esperado por años la delimitación de



Indigenas venezolanos gritan consignas contra el presidente Hugo Chávez durante una protesta en Caracas, Venezuela el lunes 8 de noviembre del 2010. (AP Foto/Fernando Llano)

La Cuadra Venezolana: intérprete de la nueva música venezolana



A petición de muchas personas de habla española empezamos hoy a publicar algo sobre el grupo La Cuadra Venezolana que dará un concierto a beneficio de la fundación de becas, Aruba Scholarship Foundation, el 22 de noviembre en el Crystal Theatre de la Renaissance. Hoy tratamos de responder a una pregunta: Qué es La Cuadra Venezolana?

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Somos un ensamblaje sonoro lleno de matices diversos... por una parte está nuestro papel como hacedores de música tradicional, por otro nuestra formación académica, y aún más allá tenemos nuestra tendencia a mezclar lo que nos gusta. Así es nuestra Venezuela actual, y así somos nosotros.

Para concretar un sueño común que comenzó mucho antes nos reunimos en 1998, esperando aportar una nueva visión de la música venezolana, enriquecida en la posibilidad de sintetizar y volcar en ella todas nuestras ocurrencias creativas. Así nacimos, y de ese

modo de pensar ha surgido la extraordinaria experiencia de valorizar nuestra tradición musical y su infinita posibilidad de evolución sin deformación... es que la nueva música venezolana cautiva por su color, su fuerza y su dinamismo y en este andar hemos sido contagiados de sus matices.

Felizmente, en el camino hemos hallado numerosos amigos con quienes compartir la vivencia; entre ellos podemos citar a Cecilia Todd, María Teresa Chacín, Pablo Camacaro, Grupo Raíces de Venezuela, Angela, y muchos más. Junto a ellos hemos compartido en escenarios y estudios, y el resultado natural ha sido invitaciones a diversos festivales y espacios dentro y fuera de Venezuela.

Sentimos la alegría de desarrollar un estilo propio, y en nuestras dos producciones discográficas, "La Cuadra Venezolana" (2000) y "Vibraciones en Verano" (2005) plasmamos nuestra evolución, que nos afirma como La Nueva Música Venezolana. □

sus tierras. "Hasta ahora se ha hablado de los derechos indígenas y no se ha cumplido", indicó.

En Venezuela hay más de 500.000 indígenas y dos docenas de grupos étnicos, según estimaciones oficiales. La Constitución vigente desde 1999 garantiza la propiedad colectiva de las tierras ancestrales y la representación indígena en la Asamblea Nacional. Sin embargo, algunos activistas se quejan de que ha habido pocos progresos desde entonces para el reconocimiento formal de las tierras de los indígenas y la entrega de los títulos de propiedad. □

Ecuador dice ser neutral en diferendo Perú-Chile

QUITO (AP) - Ecuador mantiene neutralidad ante el diferendo marítimo entre Perú y Chile, pero mantiene su proceso para defender sus propios intereses y dejar sentada la frontera oceánica con Perú, dijo el lunes el viceministro Kintto Lucas.

En declaraciones a radio Quito, señaló que "hemos mantenido una neutralidad, pero hemos mantenido una hoja de ruta y la defensa de nuestros intereses y nosotros hemos marcado claramente nuestros intereses, hemos hecho nuestra carta náutica, hemos pedido a Perú que se pronunciara". Afirmó que la carta náutica ecuatoriana recién elaborada se publicó en el registro oficial, mediante un decreto presidencial que la hizo pública y "se está haciendo conocer en las distintas instancias internacionales". "Estamos esperando una respuesta de Perú ante nuestra publicación", comentó. Acerca de las diferencias en los límites marítimos entre peruanos y chilenos, que se ventilan en la Corte Internacional de La Haya, Lucas destacó que "estamos viendo como se desarrollan los hechos, mañana existirá la réplica de Perú... de acuerdo a los acontecimientos e intereses del país, vamos a ver si es necesario o no entrar en el litigio". □



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